

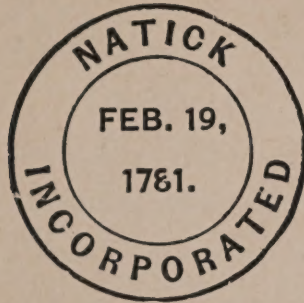
TOWN CLERK.

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REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS
WITH A
STATEMENT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF NATICK



FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

Under the new By-Laws, approved May 12, 1897, the financial year ends with the thirty-first day of January, instead of the last day of February, in each year, as formerly. Accordingly, the expenditures noted in this Report in most of the departments cover a period of only eleven months.

NATICK, MASS.,
PRESS OF NATICK BULLETIN.
1898.

Water Commissioners.

FRANCIS BIGELOW, JOHN M. FISKE,
HENRY M. ROBBINS.

Highway Surveyor.

WALTER BURKE.

Collector of Taxes.**Auditor.**

CHARLES P. CURRIER. MICHAEL E. MORRIS.

Superintendent of Water Works.

JAMES W. MORSE.

Engineers of Fire Department.

CHARLES J. FOSKETT, JAMES H. BATES,
JOHN T. DONNELLY, HIRAM J. BROWN,
GEORGE M. FOSTER.

Sewer Commissioners.

DANIEL J. MURPHY. JAMES DOWNS,
CRANSTON HOWE.

Constables.

WILLIAM BEAN, ELIJAH PAGE,
RICHARD W. KENNEDY, PATRICK BEATTY,
HIRAM J. BROWN, JAMES H. BATES.

Chief of Police.

JOSEPH M. BLANDIN (day officer at Centre).

Night Patrol.

JOHN W. CONNERS, PATRICK BEATTY (Centre).
JOHN J. OAKES (S. Natick). DENNISE CRENEY (Felchville).

Additional Day Officer at Centre.

WILLIAM BEAN.

Public Weighers and Measurers.

TIMOTHY J. WHALEN, CHARLES H. JONES,
WARREN A. BIRD.

Registrars of Voters.

S. A. SWEETLAND, WM. H. SULLIVAN,
WALTER B. ROBINSON, TOWN CLERK, *ex-officio*

Tree Warden.

HENRY S. HUNNEWELL.

Sinking Fund Commissioners.

NATHAN B. GOODNOW, JOHN J. AHEARN,
TIMOTHY F. SULLIVAN.

Cattle Inspector.

WALTER P. MAYO.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

PATRICK H. O'CONNELL.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Registered in Natick for Year 1897.

JANUARY.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1.	Norah Frances Donnelly,	Peter J., Norah.
2.	Norcross child,	George G., Norah C.
5.	Max Hoffman,	Otto, Vally.
5.	Stephen Joseph McNeil,	Stephen J., Mary.
6.	John Francis Murphy,	Patrick, Rose.
17.	Dennis Ambrose Whalen,	Edward, Ellen.
17.	May McDermott,	Patrick, Julia A.
21.	Alexander Russell Todd,	John A., Eliza N.
22.	Lucretia L. Griffin,	Charles E., Lizzie.
23.	Isabel Bernard Griffin,	Thomas B., Mary.
25.	William Malachi Babcock,	Frank H., Frances A.
27.	Eva Clementine Tibbert,	Charles S., Kate C.
28.	Alfred Everett Butters,	Albert R., Edith M.

FEBRUARY.

2.	Emmons Howard,	William T., Emma N.
2.	Nellie Irene Raymond,	Frank, Julia A. G.
17.	Annie Priscilla McSweeney,	Edward M. J., Mary C.
20.	Grace Eveline Sughrue,	Stephen F., Catherine T.
21.	Charles Flynn,	Edward J., Emily.
26.	Emma Ekberg, ¹	Olof, Josephine.
28.	Ralph Henderson Beard,	George, Edith.

MARCH.

1.	Esther Rachel O'Brien,	John H., Mary.
2.	Coletta Evangeline Powers,	John H., Ellen F.

MARCH—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
3.	Herman Albert Godendorf,	Herman, Mary C.
4.	Patrick Harold Buckley,	John J., Catherine.
5.	Marion Morey Allen,	Harry B., Rose.
6.	Henry Slamin,	Patrick H., Mary.
6.	Mildred Peoples,	Samuel L., Ida M.
7.	Anna McGrath,	John J., Annie M.
7.	Edna Louise Heinlein,	William E., Josephine.
22.	Geneva Sproule,	Robert W., Anna M.
23.	Charles Alfred Brennan,	Edward F., Isabella C.
27.	Josephine Jennings Harper,	Avillia H., Sarah J.
30.	Alice Gertrude Buckley,	William H., Annie L.

APRIL.

1.	Lawrence Raymond Bouret,	Napoleon, Eleonora.
1.	Walter Henry Moran,	John F., Nellie M.
2.	Miriam Louise Ambler,	Walter B., Addie L.
2.	Alice Hazel Brown,	William F., Carrie F. F.
10.	Evelyn Oakes,	John J., Mary E.
11.	Elizabeth Martha Farley,	John F., Marion A.
12.	Blanche Louise Taylor,	Ernest, Edith.
13.	Helen Esther McCordick,	William H., Ellen.
18.	Hedvig Madeline Benson,	Bernard, Ingeid.
21.	Mary Fitzpatrick,	James, Annie.
23.	Mary Josephine Ahearn,	John, Mary E.
25.	Chester James Ginder,	James S., Jeannette.

MAY.

1.	Rachel May Smith,	Henry C., Mabel.
2.	John Flynn,	Thomas J., Ellen.
2.	Malvina Amy Caswell,	Samuel W., Elizabeth H.A.
4.	William Nelson,	John, Bertha.
7.	Mary Ellen McNamara,	Michael C., Mary A.
9.	Francis William Hayden,	Patrick, Mary.
14.	Mary Elizabeth Stevens,	Henry H., Mary E.
15.	George Carroll Johnson,	George H., Sarah I.
18.	William Edgar DeBarthe,	William E., Caroline.
22.	Vernon Campbell Ambler,	Charles A., Grace E.
28.	Chester Frederick Augustine,	Max, Emma L.

JUNE.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1.	Lee Ignatius Engley,	Herbert L., Bertha M.
6.	Henry King,	Peter J., Annie A.
6.	James Connell,	Hugh P., Mary V.
10.	Julia Veronica Slamin,	John T., Mary E.
12.	Guy Jaques Wakefield,	Guy R., Mary E.
14.	Helen McDonald,	Bernard F., Joanna.
16.	Ralph Alden Loring,	Henry E., Florence K.
17.	Anna May Parker,	Henry A., Mary A.
19.	John Thomas Coles,	Thomas, Sarah E.
20.	Eileen McCarthy,	John M., Elizabeth F.
21.	Ola Aloysius Nelson,	Martin O., Catherine F.
22.	Frederick Eugene Bartlett,	Oscar T., Sarah T.
23.	Agnes Hynes,	Thomas F., Agnes E.
24.	Thomas Lynch,	George, Annie.
26.	Marguerite Emily Dunbar,	Robert H., Elizabeth.

JULY.

1.	Olive Eveline Garvey,	William E., Mary I.
2.	Simeon Arthur Dupuis,	Simeon, Valerie.
5.	Raymond Henry McGowan,	Thomas J., Amy A.
5.	Emma Marguerite Jonsen,	Andrew, Emma.
6.	Barbara Elise Daniels,	Ned B., Carrie L.
11.	Philip Sussman,	Simon, Fanny.
11.	Francis Ahearn,	} twins, James M., Annie M.
11.	Mary Louise Ahearn,	
11.	Albert Golden,	James T., Ellen A.
16.	Blanche E. Snow,	Arthur E., Ella.
19.	Mary McCue,	} twins, Patrick F., Susan E.
19.	Susan McCue,	
19.	Irving Edgar Pulsifer,	Edgar D., Emma J.
20.	Thomas Edward Slamin,	James J., Mary E.
21.	Marion Hazel Glidden,	Charles D., Edith M.
22.	Elsie Morrill,	Fred B., Excelia.
22.	Edward Byrne,	Thomas, Mary.
26.	Alice Munn,	James, Norah.
26.	Melvin Francis Parminter,	Herbert G., Mabel F.

JULY—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
26.	Nellie Mason,	John, Chloe.
27.	Thomas Galvin,	Thomas H., Mary F.
28.	Edward Michael Nyland,	Thomas, Margaret.

AUGUST.

4.	Carl Edward Carlson,	Carl E., Hilda.
6.	Alice Florence Kane,	William H., Joanna.
7.	Henry Joseph Jordan,	Henry J., Ellen.
17.	Joseph Harper O'Brien,	James E., Mary J.
22.	Edward Payson Travis,	George W., Lillian E.
25.	James Gregg,	William R., Teresa.
25.	Leo Elmer Huntoon,	Walter B., Susan.
28.	Sylvester Hoey,	Andrew J., Helen A.
30.	——— McNally,	John, Lizzie.

SEPTEMBER.

1.	Louis Eagan Carver,	Joseph E., Bridget T.
1.	Elizabeth Ann Fair,	George W., Mary L.
4.	Rosalie Marion Doherty,	Michael J., Ellen A.
5.	Mary Margaret Powers,	William, Mary A.
6.	Louisa Hildegard Town,	Henry W., Ruth W. E.
7.	Harold Mullen,	Patrick W., Margaret A.
8.	Mary Veronica Shaughnessy,	Frank, Nellie.
10.	Malcolm Francis White,	Joseph E., Helen.
12.	Gertrude Alma Church,	David J., Ellen G.
13.	John Edward Walsh,	Edward J., Delia M.
17.	Laura Etta Fair,	James W., Catherine.
17.	Milton E. Hall,	Charles W., Carrie E.
18.	Gladys Lulu McLain,	Alfred P., Georgiana.
20.	Marion Louisa Esty,	Edwin C., Emma E.
22.	Clara Louise Hopf,	Henry J., Barbara.
24.	Henry Howard,	John F., Mary E.
27.	Benjamin Augustus Marble,	Frank E., Elizabeth F.
30.	Florence Trudell,	Frank, Bridget.
30.	Alice Craig,	Timothy F., Julia.

OCTOBER.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
2.	——— Dwyer,	Michael J., Hannah.
4.	Louise Mulligan,	Henry C., Minna.
5.	Clement Francis Simmons,	John H., Joanna.
6.	Bertha Elida Hall,	William H., Mary E. E.
7.	Roger Francis Shea,	Roger C., Catherine.
7.	Arthur Edison Pfeiffer,	Frank H., Catherine L.
11.	——— Lavine,	Simon, Jessie.
13.	Ralph Howard Higgins,	James E., Carrie M.
13.	Arthur Elmore Dickinson,	Eugene E., Minnie M.
13.	Edward Francis Whalen,	Thomas P., Julia G.
16.	Blanche Lucile Kelley,	Robert P., Linnie F.
19.	Louise Cummings,	Michael, Julia.
19.	James Camille Beauderault,	Philip, Bridget.
21.	Lucile Williams,	Walter W., Lizzie J.
22.	George Edward Ahern,	Daniel J., Katharine.
23.	Anna Catherine McDonald,	Thomas F., Margaret H.

NOVEMBER.

3.	Catherine Mahoney,	Andrew F., Margaret E.
4.	Sarah Caroline Cooney,	Patrick H., Sarah C.
5.	Edith Nelson,	Anthony, Emma.
10.	Oscar Martin Engelbresen,	} Twins, Hans, Emilie.
10.	Margaret Alice Engelbresen,	
13.	Hazel Belle Freeman,	George A., Florence E.
15.	Owen Bancroft Burrage,	Boardman J., Permitta F.
17.	Mary Hallinan,	Patrick F., Annie R.
24.	John Mahany,	Dennis J., Mary E.
27.	Thomas Alden Keeting,	Charles W., Alice C.
27.	Alice Elizabeth McCordick,	Francis J. A., Bridget T.
27.	Beatrice Turner,	Robert, Elizabeth.
28.	William Godendorf,	William, Annie C.

DECEMBER.

5.	Mary Louisa Reardon	John T., Julia.
5.	Aloysius O'Donnell,	Thomas F., Julia.
8.	Alice Dorothy Moran,	Bernard F., Mary.
9.	Leon Walter Cook,	Walter W., Etta M.

DECEMBER—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
10.	Guy Emmons Bagley,	Merrill W., Lulu A.
11.	Frances Mabel Smith,	James H., Mary.
11.	Herman Korth,	Julius, Lena.
12.	Florence Genevieve Meagher,	William, Della T.
12.	Russell Howard Pierce,	Frank N., Annie L.
13.	Mary Elizabeth Casey,	Anthony, Mary A.
16.	James Edward McNeil,	James H., Hannah M.
17.	Marion Clifford,	John F., Annette.
17.	Irene Dowd,	Edward B., Julia E.
18.	Hilda Marie Hartleb,	William F., Mary B.
18.	David Finn,	Michael J., Elizabeth J.
23.	George Francis Yeager,	Laurence F., Bridget T.
25.	Josephine Monteith,	James, Bridget.
26.	—— Syverson,	Nix, Martha,
26.	Dexter George Stripp,	John A., Edith M.
27.	Louise Evangeline Moore,	Herman E., Emma L.
27.	Lillian May Holbrook,	Myron E., Emma.
29.	—— Mitchell,	Charles A., Jeannette C.
31.	—— Hever,	James, Annie M.

Omitted in Previous Years.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1883.		
July 6.	Addison Tyler Hastings,	Addison T., E. Gertrude.
1894.		
June 23.	Sabina Josephine Sproule,	Robert W., Anna M.
1895.		
Feb. 10.	Arthur Hayden,	Patrick, Mary.
1896.		
Jan. 2.	Alice Louise Howard,	John F., Mary E.
Feb. 5.	Albert Francis Brown,	George W., Lulu H.
May 18.	Mary Mahany,	Dennis J., Mary E.
June 18.	Leroy Francis Glidden,	Charles D., Edith M.
Dec. 5.	John Williams,	John A., Catherine M.

Total number registered (including stillbirths) 190, against 172 in 1896; a gain of 18.

MARRIAGES.

Registered in Natick for Year 1897.

Unless otherwise stated, the place of marriage and residence of
person officiating, Natick.

JANUARY.

- 6. Cranston Howe, 54, Eliza Jane Clement, 38, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.
- 11. Guy R. Washburn, 25, Eva E. Cone, 26, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
- 13. Daniel McNeil, 38, Mary Ryan, 40, by Rev. John A. Donnelly.
- 16. Frank E. Colesworthy, 21, Jennie I. Lewis, 21, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
- 20. Fred D. Pierce, 23, Etta A. Snow, 16, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
- 27. Maurice Francis Sullivan, 39, Mary Ann Green, 35, by Rev. Michael F. Delaney.
- 27. Charles Artemas Ambler, 21, Grace Evelyn Campbell, 21, at Sherborn, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Sherborn.
- 29. Joseph E. White, 29, Nellie E. Johnstone, 24, at Sherborn, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Sherborn.

FEBRUARY.

- 8. Thomas H. Ryan, 26, Mary T. Reiss, 21, at West Newton, by Rev. C. J. Galligan.
- 11. Harvey W. Ambler, 21, Gersaella May Morris, 19, at Boston, by Rev. Arthur S. Burrows.
- 24. Patrick F. Doherty, 33, Sarah J. Bean, 23, by Rev. Edward J. Fagan.
- 24. William F. Hartleb, 23, Mary B. Schadlich, 20, at Boston, by Rev. A. Biewend.
- 24. Richard Cue, 30, Rosa B. Abbott, 32, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
- 25. Richard A. Clink, 37, Catherine A. Horrigan, 35, by Rev. John A. Donnelly.

MARCH.

- 3. Samuel P. Bennett, 30, Lillian Martin, 25, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
- 3. Frank H. Pfeiffer, 21, Rena Neuschafer, 19, at Sherborn by Rev. Edmund Dowse.
- 13. Fred L. Hardy, 25, Mabel F. Clark, 18, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
- 25. Isaac Whittemore, 68, Mary J. Boynton, 48, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
- 25. George Clinton Cox, 30, Cora Anna Creighton, 26, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.

APRIL.

- 3. James E. Higgins, 19, Carrie M. Dutton, 17, at Pawtucket, R. I., by Rev. D. W. Faunce.
- 6. Fred W. Paige, 21, Elsie C. Mooney, 18, at Cochrasset by Rev. M. E. Wright.
- 10. Charles W. Keeting, 34, Alice C. Emiley, 32, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.
- 17. George Felch, 21, Adeline M. Maude, 19, at Weston, by Rev. Robert F. Gordon.
- 18. John Lawrence Griffin, 22, Adelaide Mary Pomeroy, 25, at Boston, by Rev. L. B. Bates.
- 18. Frank Newton Pierce, 25, Annie Lewis Knowles, 23, at Rye, N. H., by Rev. G. A. Beebe, Rye, N. H.
- 19. William A. Sampson, 23, Bessie S. Woodill, 25, by Rev. A. L. Bumpus.
- 21. William M. Todd, 26, Mary Emma Eaton, 30, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
- 22. William A. Riggs, 28, Isabella Christie, 26, at Boston, by Rev. E. J. Helms, Boston.

MAY.

- 15. Percy W. Ambler, 32, Josie Reed, 30, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.
- 8. Carl Edward Carlson, 34, Hilda Anderson, 35, at Boston, by Rev. A. W. Sundeloff.
- 19. Harry M. Stone, 24, Florence G. Loker, 27, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.

MAY—CONTINUED.

31. George Chester Blair, 20, Bessie Frances Tannar, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.

JUNE.

1. Albert Stevens Bass, 28, Caliste Mae Gould, 18, at Boston, by Rev. Fred W. Hamilton.
 2. Owen Francis Comiskey, 26, Mary Ellen Fay, 28, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
 2. Charles W. Ambrose, 42, Esther Dot Engel, 29, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
 3. Jeremiah Cohen, 34, Julia J. Sullivan, 30, at Boston, by Rev. G. J. Barry.
 13. Schuyler R. Smith, 23, Bertha L. Tarbox, 21, at Revere, by Rev. T. W. Bishop.
 16. George Henry Heinlein, 28, Carrie Louise Cotter, 29, at Sherborn, by Rev. Edmund Dowse.
 16. Russell Calvin Leavitt, 26, Mary Elizabeth Hopf, 20, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
 23. James J. O'Loughlin, 33, Maria E. Slamin, 24, at Southboro, by Rev. Wm. T. Finneran.
 24. Harry Irving Cunningham, 34, Margaret E. P. Wilson, 27, Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.

JULY.

3. George Bertram Ambler, 24, Mabelle Hall, 21, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
 5. James Francis Hickey, 22, Mary G. Young, 20, at Boston, by Rev. H. A. Sullivan.
 18. Patrick Lenahan, 38, Julia Coyne, 36, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
 21. John Joseph Mayers, 30, Ellen Teresa Mullen, 26, by Rev. J. A. Donnelly.
 29. John J. Connolly, 36, Katharine F. Sullivan, 30, by Rev. J. A. Donnelly.
 31. William A. Jessop, 29, Laura A. Smith, 20, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.

AUGUST.

5. Fred W. Mace, 28, Wilhelmina M. Reiss, 27, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
11. Robert Montgomery, 43, Olive A. Babb, 40, by Rev. Edward A. Benner, Wellesley.
18. Harry Foster Gibbs, Jr., 22, Hattie Elizabeth Marshall, 19, at Stoneham, by Rev. Chas. E. Beals.
25. Patrick O'Connell, 36, Elizabeth A. Gavin, 35, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
26. Lawrence Green, 37, Ellen Cockery, 32, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
28. Burton C. Stevenson, 32, Josephine Hatch, 25, by James McManus, Justice of the Peace.
29. Jonn P. McNally, 28, Lizzie McMahon, 24, by Rev. E. J. Fagan,

SEPTEMBER.

4. Owen Dunham, 25, Mary Barry, 26, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
7. Robert Hoyer, 27, Ida May Ames, 24, by James McManus, Justice of the Peace.
7. John Bernard Bresnihan, 21, Grace Cecilia Hitchcock, 20 by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
8. Frederick Henry Abraham, 24, Susie May Waddell, 19, by Rev. A. L. Bumpus.
13. William C. Wheeler, Jr., 23, Bertha A. Miller, 23, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
14. Ernest W. Burks, 24, Leonia Ella Ranney, 23, at White River Junc., Vt., by Rev. A. J. Hough, White River Junction.
16. Daniel David Bedard, 32, Violetta C. Hook, 32, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
22. Timothy Francis Fahey, 25, Anna Belle Cuniff, 24, by Rev. M. F. Delaney.
28. William Henry Foley, 31, Ella Jane French, 24, at South Framingham, by Rev. Alfred Woods.
29. John S. Beaton, 27, Maggie M. Wamboldt, 22, at Cambridge, by Rev. Geo. A. Phinney.

OCTOBER.

6. William J. Heffernan, 27, Margaret T. Sweeney, 23, by Rev. M. F. Delaney.
6. Edward A. Johnson, 36, Catherine Williams, 26, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
6. Frederick Earle Dobson, 23, Alice Maude Elwell, 20, by Rev. Leverett R. Daniels.
9. William Bell, 52, Martha A. D. Hyde, 36, by James McManus, Justice of the Peace.
13. George Aaron Davis, 30, Eva A. Pratt, 18, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.
18. Edward Dickey, 24, Bella May Manning, 28, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
20. Joseph J. White, 30, Margaret E. Roach, 30, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
20. George Basil Walker, 27, Eleanor Abigale White, 18, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
26. Willie O. Monroe, 19, Marie Eliza Hoeg, 17, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
28. Willard Lee Bowen, 23, Annie L. Pray, 21, by Rev. A. L. Bumpus.
28. Timothy Lawrence Sullivan, 31, Catherine O'Connell, 33, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.

NOVEMBER.

3. Frank Smeltz, 33, Rettie Blanche Reynolds, 22, at Cochituate, by Rev. M. E. Wright.
17. Burtis Judd Whittemore, 23, Gertrude Mae Tyler, 21, by F. E. Sturgis.
24. John F. Cahill, 44, Anna T. Daley, 35, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
26. Freeman West, 20, Helen G. Frost, 19, at Sherborn, by Rev. F. E. Emrich, So. Framingham.

DECEMBER.

1. Edward Leslie Sweetland, 22, Grace Emily Cooper, 23, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
13. Charles H. Bassett, 20, Edith C. Damon, 21, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.

DECEMBER—CONTINUED.

- 21. Jacob Willam Osborne, 22, Emma Alice Cummings, 18, by
Rev. Frank S. Weston.
- 22. Edgar B. Felch, 32, Mabel F. Badger, 20, by Rev. Frank
S. Weston.
- 24. Harvey Winchester Hardy, 30, Helen Estelle DeMeritt,
28, at Westfield, by Rev. L. H. Dorchester, Westfield.
- 25. Elmer B. Staniford, 29, Susie E. Fairbanks, 22, by Rev. J.
H. Farnsworth.
- 25. Frank Heinlein, 23, Mary Isabel Ambler, 19, at Boston, by
Rev. E. E. Hale.
- 29. Arthur E. Bent, 26, Ethel S. Currier, 23, by Rev. George
E. Huntley, Framingham.

Omitted in Former Year.

1896.

- Nov. 24. George William Fiske, 32, Eliza J. Fish, 30, at Bos-
ton, by Rev. Charles C. Earle, So. Boston.

Total number registered 88, against 89 in 1896; a loss of 1.

DEATHS.

Registered in Natick for Year 1897.

JANUARY.

Date.	NAME.	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
6	Hannah Carlisle,	27	.	.	Consumption.
8	James E. Green,	45	.	.	Phthisis.
8	Elizabeth R. Garvin,	34	.	.	Phthisis.
9	Pamelia I. Randall,	54	6	.	Pernicious anemia.
10	Elsie L. Warner,	.	1	21	Inanition.
10	George E. Bliss,	46	.	.	Nephritis.
11	Mary McGlone,	6	9	.	Meningitis.
12	Walter Sheppard,	.	4	22	Tubercular meningitis.
16	Grace Slamin,	.	2	26	Capillary bronchitis.
18	Elijah Perry,	51	3	1	Organic heart disease.
21	Daniel Riley,	43	10	.	Paresis, following Locomotor alaxia.
22	Cyrus H. Beal,	72	10	.	Apoplexy; sudden.
27	Abbie C. Mead,	62	9	.	Organic heart disease; cerebral embolus.
27	Elizabeth S. Farrar	84	8	.	Apoplexy.

FEBRUARY.

1	Ebenezer Hanchett,	78	4	.	Heart disease; chronic.
1	Hattie Bell Gow,	10	9	20	Peritonitis; 3 weeks.
8	John D. Kennedy,	39	3	.	Appendicitis; peritonitis.
10	Lucretia L. Griffin,	.	.	19	Capillary bronchitis.
10	Charles M. Holt,	48	5	.	Phthisis.
11	Mattie E. Sloper,	14	11	.	Appendicitis.
11	Hannah Fitzsimmons,	35	9	8	Paresis.
13	Ellen Finn,	68	.	.	Chronic bronchitis.
14	Mary A. Wilson,	89	.	.	Exhaustion consequent upon injury.

FEBRUARY—CONTINUED.

Date.	NAME.	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
16	Abby A. Farnum,	58	8	. .	Heart disease; pneumonia.
17	Frank Johnstone,	29	. .	. .	Consumption.
23	Thomas Regan,	1	10	8	Pneumonia.
26	Mary J. Adams,	76	3	. .	Apoplexy; 1 hour.
27	Catherine Daley,	57	. .	. .	La grippe.
MARCH.					
1	Sarah E. Bowker,	54	. .	. .	Locomotor Alaxia, etc.
3	Mary McManus,	73	. .	. .	Old age.
5	Letitia C. Ellery,	74	10	19	Locomotor alaxia.
6	Judith J. Marsh,	59	. .	. .	La grippe; cerebral meningitis.
6	Sarah A. M. Perry,	70	11	. .	Pneumonia; 4 days.
6	Albert F. Bacon,	57	. .	. .	Heart disease; sevl. yrs.
8	Mildred McGee,	2	6	. .	Peritonitis.
10	Emily A. Pope,	75	. .	. .	Pneumonia.
14	Elizabeth A. Taff,	22	5	19	Phthisis pulmonalis.
14	Francis D. Greenslade,	. .	8	3	Cerebral hemorrhage.
17	Harriet A. Munroe,	42	. .	. .	Pneumonia.
20	Charles Flynn,	. .	1	. .	Capillary bronchitis; marasmus.
20	Oliver G. Davenport,	84	11	. .	Hypertrophic prostate; chronic cystitis.
20	Charles Gratton Grant,	19	. .	. .	Suicide by bullet wound of heart, Boston.
25	Mary Leahy,	18	. .	. .	General septic peritonitis.
26	John Kearns,	63	. .	. .	Carcinoma of kidney.
28	Mary B. Davenport,	90	6	. .	Organic heart disease.
29	Margaret Leonard,	39	8	7	Puerperal septicaemia.
29	Helen G. Brock,	31	10	. .	Probable uraemic poisoning.
30	Brock child,	. .	. .	. .	40 hours. Convulsions.
31	Nicholas B. Drew,	74	7	. .	Pernicious anemia.
31	Michael O'Connor,	63	. .	. .	Nephritis.

APRIL.					
Date.	NAME.	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
3	Thomas McGann,	74	.	.	La grippe.
5	Elvina Travis,	79	.	.	Senile dementia; broncho-pneumonia.
10	Unknown man, 45 or 50	.	.	.	Accidental drowning, Sherborn swamp, near poor house.
11	John Edwin Felch,	20	9	.	Phthisis; acute.
12	Charles R. Caldwell,	59	.	.	Not stated.
12	Alfred Hyde,	44	2	.	Phthisis.
16	Bessie Craige Beane,	18	2	11	Peritonitis with sepsis.
18	Margaret Donovan,	40	1	3	Pneumonia (double); aortic regurgitation.
22	Emery J. Bunker,	68	2	10	Malignant disease of stomach and liver.
25	Eva C. Tibbert,	.	2	28	Inanition.
25	Charles E. Wood,	37	5	22	Anemia; (pernicious).
27	John Barnacle,	42	.	.	Organic heart dis., etc.
MAY.					
2	Thomas F. Fitzgibbons,	17	1	20	Peritonitis.
6	James Etridge,	58	.	.	Insanity; 3 months.
9	Louis H. Bigelow,	20	1	.	Epidemic influenza; sepsis following appendicitis.
14	Charles W. Moore,	60	1	12	Paralysis.
21	Thomas J. Young,	48	4	.	Phthisis pulmonalis.
21	Luther H. Parker,	49	.	.	Drowning; suicidal.
26	Matthew W. Naphin,	4	2	19	Diphtheria.
31	Edward J. Dunlea,	40	.	.	Pulmonary tuberculosis.
JUNE.					
4	Isaac B. S. Randall,	72	4	.	Fracture of right hip, and shock from injury.
9	Jennie Ripley,	27	11	.	Organic heart and kidney disease.
9	Catherine Johnson,	58	.	.	Chronic nephritis and ulcer of foot.

JUNE—CONTINUED.

Date.	NAME.	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
11	Payson Perry,	54	3	. .	Organic brain disease.
15	Esther Rachel O'Brien, . .	3	15		Cholera infantum.
18	Thomas Glennon, 70 to 80	. .	. .		Senile dementia and exhaustion.
20	Eben S. Blair,	76	6	. .	organic heart disease; pulmonary emphysema.
27	Cordelia W. Hayes,	72	3	. .	Angina pectoris with oedema of lungs.
28	Catherine Gildea,	36	. .	. .	Consumption; 3 years.
29	James D. McEwan,	61	. .	. .	Softening of brain.

JULY.

8	Alma D. Robinson,	43	3	. .	Pelvic abscess; septicaemia; 8 months.
10	Lindsey E. Cozzens,	26	8	. .	Acute phthisis.
10	Philindia A. Jones,	56	11	. .	Malig. dis. of liver, etc.
12	Joseph O. True,	68	8	. .	Paralysis.
16	Alice C. Carr,	. .	8	15	Cholera infantum.
17	George W. Loker,	77	2	. .	Org. heart and kidney disease.
18	Eugene W. Kendall,	31	1	1	Phthisis pulmonalis.
20	Caroline S. Bullard,	79	10	. .	Org. heart dis.; 5 yrs.
21	Lee Engley,	. .	1	21	Cholera infantum.
29	Hannah A. Corson,	53	6	. .	Phthisis; 5 years.

AUGUST.

1	Edward Payson Travis,	64	2	. .	Cerebral hemorrhage.
3	Mary L. Ahern,	. .	. .	21	Inanition.
4	Albert Golden,	. .	. .	23	Gastro-enteritis.
6	Mary Leary,	75	. .	. .	Dysentery and senile debility.
11	George Hancock,	64	5	. .	Angina pectoris.
11	Gideon D. Tower,	55	10	. .	Ac. Bright's dis.; 2 mo.
12	Charles A. Davis,	70	6	24	Ch. Bright's dis.; 1 yr.
12	Jane E. Fitzgibbons,	50	4	4	Hemiplegia.
14	Alexander R. Todd,	. .	6	19	Gastro-enteritis.

AUGUST—CONTINUED.

Date.	NAME.	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
15	Thomas P. Conners,	. .	7	20	Gastro-enteritis.
20	John F. Murphy,	. .	7	14	Gastro-enteritis; cerebral meningitis.
23	Bridget Slámin,	40	. .	. .	Pulmonary tuberculosis.
23	Daniel J. Buckley,	27	10	15	Congestion and œdema of lungs; insufficiency of tricuspid valve; cloudy swelling of kidneys and enlarg- ment of liver.
28	Thomas Delancy,	80	. .	. .	Senile debility.
30	James Leavitt Bates,	65	3	. .	Neuralgia of heart.

SEPTEMBER.

1	Robert A. Foskett,	15	8	4	Appendicitis.
4	Mary Fitzpatrick,	55	. .	. .	Cerebral hemorrhage.
5	Silas H. Bent,	60	8	21	Pernicious anemia.
11	John McKenney,	78	. .	. .	Apoplexy.
13	Rose Augustine,	. .	5	6	Cholera infantum.
15	Thomas P. Ahern,	34	. .	. .	Consumption.
18	Mary Hopkins,	80	. .	. .	Bright's disease; 5 yrs.
19	Alexandra Schneider,	26	5	22	Phthisis.
23	Nellie Mason,	. .	2	. .	Inanition.
23	Milton E. Hall,	. .	. .	6	Malformation of heart.
24	Joseph Jennings Harper,	. .	5	27	Cerebral meningitis.
24	Edward Bacon Fay,	47	. .	. .	Organic heart disease.
25	Thomas Leo Garvin,	1	1	. .	Entero-colitis.
26	Philona J. Kimball,	61	5	25	Cerebral hemorrhage.

OCTOBER.

1	Andrew C. Badger,	60	6	25	Org. heart dis.; 6 yrs.
5	Annie E. Turner,	9	2	. .	Malig. scarlet fever.
5	John J. Regan,	27	. .	. .	Typhoid fever; 3 wks
6	John B. Fairbanks,	75	5	. .	Senile degeneration; one year.
6	Louise Mulligan,	. .	. .	2	Eclampsia.

OCTOBER—CONTINUED.

Date.	NAME	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
13	Blanche E. Snow,	. .	3	. .	Marasmus.
17	Justin Healey,	67	. .	. .	Carb. acid poisoning; undoubtedly suicide.
20	Richard B. M. Bryden,	66	10	8	Org. heart dis: mitral regurgitation; 2 yrs.
22	Sarah E. Coles,	27	. .	. .	Delirium; pneumonia; 1 month.
24	Louise Ritter,	4	9	26	(Edema of glottis.
24	Lucile Williams,	. .	. .	3	Convulsions.

NOVEMBER.

1	Persis Allen,	83	. .	26	Pernicious anemia.
4	Ellen Flynn,	41	7	14	Cancer; 2 years.
4	Sarah C. Cooney,	36	6	23	Puerperal eclampsia.
5	Albert Branagan,	2	6	24	Croup.
6	Sarah Caroline Cooney,	. .	. .	. .	60 hours. Convulsions.
7	Patrick Kennedy,	74	7	. .	Pneumonia.
8	Edward Barnicle,	12	10	. .	Diphtheria.
9	Elizabeth E. Dow,	56	. .	. .	Heart dis.; suddenly.
12	Susan J. Scarry,	45	1	21	Fatty degeneration of heart; intes. nephritis.
21	Helen B. Gray,	11	11	. .	Tuberculosis.
22	Olive Sargent,	80	. .	. .	Organic heart disease.
22	Henry F. Dagg,	44	9	17	Pulmonary tuberculosis.
27	James E. Fair,	3	5	8	Acute cap. bronchitis with croup.
30	Grace McGee,	1	9	. .	Diphtheria.
—	Unknown (found in woods off Oak St.),	45	. .	. .	Exposure and neglect; probably insane.

DECEMBER.

5	Mary Fisk Winch,	70	10	24	Senile degeneration.
5	William Fair,	75	. .	. .	Pneumonia.
6	Abigail Kendall,	65	7	17	Heart disease.

DECEMBER—CONTINUED.

Date.	NAME.	AGE.			Disease or Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
15	Francis A. Kilner,	57	3	. .	Bright's dis.; chr. nep.
21	Catherine M. Locke,	65	3	. .	Can. of breast; 4 yrs.
25	Hannah Shumway,	77	9	27	Cancer of stomach.

Total, 158; against 120 in the previous year.

Percentage to our population, a little less than 18 in 1,000.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Eight licenses (1st and 4th classes), under Chap. 100, Public Statutes were granted by the selectmen to: D. D. Sheehan & Co. (Wilson House); Simonds Brothers (American House); P. F. Doherty & Co. (Main Street Hotel); John A. Kelley & Co. (Eliot House); Bisch & Hopf, M. H. O'Rourke & Co., Burke & Co. and Thomas H. Gavin & Co.

Four licenses of the 6th class were granted to: James E. Cooper, Charles W. Perry, Walter T. Burke and Louie E. Clark.

The net income to the town from liquor licenses was \$8,403.

DOGS.

Whole number of licenses issued (including one \$50 breeder's license), to Dec. 1, 1897, 555. Males, 496; females, 58.

Whole number same period previous year, 597. Males, 539; females, 57, and one breeder's license.

Amount of money paid over to county treasurer, \$1,221, and this, less the necessary percentage retained, will be refunded to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McMANUS,

Town Clerk.

I have examined the financial account of the town clerk relating to dog licenses for 1897-8, and find the same correct.

M. E. MORRIS,

Auditor.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Tax Payers and Citizens of Natick :

The Selectmen respectfully submit their report for the year ending January 31, 1898.

Property Owned by the Town.

SCHOOLS—District No. 1, house and land.

"	"	2,	"	"	"
"	"	3,	"	"	"
"	"	4,	"	"	"
"	"	5,	"	"	"
"	"	6,	"	"	"
"	"	7,	"	"	"

School house and land on Cochituate street.

" " " " " Pond street.

" " " " " South Main street.

" " " " " Harvard street.

High school house and land.

Old High school house lot.

School furniture and text books.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—Brick engine house and land, Summer street.

Hook and ladder house, Summer street.

Hose house and land, Felchville.

Engine house and land, South Natick.

Hose house and land, North Natick.

Two steam fire engines.

Four hose wagons and hose.

Two hose carriages and hose.

One jumper and hose.

Two hook and ladder trucks (equipped).

Nine hundred feet of hose.

Eleven horses and harnesses.

Furniture at engine house.

Stable at South Natick.

Stable at Felchville.

MISCELLANEOUS—Six carts.

Two sleds.

One shed on Summer street.

One shed at engine house, South Natick.

Two road scrapers.

One road plow.

Five snow plows.

One stone crusher.

One steam drill.

One road roller.

Highway tools.

Poor Farm with buildings and stock, and
furniture belonging to the same.

North Cemetery.

West Part Cemetery.

Glenwood Cemetery, South Natick.

Old Burial Ground, South Natick.

Brigham lot of land on East Central street.

Prescott lot of land, West Part.

Thirty acres of land, West Part.

Land on East Central St., east of Common.

Four lots of land on Nebraska Plains.

Land for sewerage.

Three safes.

Water works.

Mass. Supreme Court reports and various
other books.

Morse Institute.

Office furniture for Selectmen's room, School
Committee, Assessors and Armory of
Co. L.

Spaulding fund.

Standard weights and measures.

One set of hay scales.

Town Park.

Grants and Appropriations.

Interest	\$15,000 00
Liabilities	6,000 00
Sinking fund, Sewer Department	1,200 00
Sidewalks and crosswalks	900 00
Poor department	9,000 00
Schools	31,500 00
Repairing school houses	1,500 00
Evening schools	300 00
Fire department	5,000 00
Police	4,700 00
Morse Institute, dog money and	1,000 00
Collection and abatement of taxes	2,000 00
Paying town and precinct officers	4,000 00
Military aid	4,000 00
Poor soldiers and sailors and their families	2,500 00
Decorating soldiers' graves	225 00
Maintainance of sewerage system	2,000 00
Rent of Town Hall and offices	750 00
Necessary town uses	3,000 00
Repairing stone crusher	400 00
Street Lighting	5,720 00
Highways	12,000 00
Erecting headstones to soldiers	125 00
Revolutionary markers	75 00
Guide posts	100 00
Lois Judkins, refunding tax	80 08
A pump	100 00
Prospecting for water supply	500 00

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Necessary Town Uses.

20	George C. Fairbanks, printing warrant and ballots	\$73 00
21	George C. Fairbanks, supplementary reports	15 50
22	George C. Fairbanks, town reports	288 00
23	Natick National Bank, blotters	75
24	M. J. Manning, putting up board for check list	2 00
35	T. J. O'Brien, injuries on highway	962 27
40	William Ford, labor on common	5 10
43	Neilson Johnson, labor on common	5 10
65	William Ford, " " "	6 00
66	Neilson Johnson, " " "	6 00
71	George Nutt, posting warrant	2 00
94	Wheelock & Co., boxes for town bills	1 50
98	John Everett, returning deaths	8 00
118	Co. L, 9th, M. V. M., care of target	150 00
121	Ryan & Lackey, teams for board of health	5 50
126	M. W. Riley, burying cow by order of board of health	4 00
130	M. R. Warren, blanks for town uses	5 28
134	R. T. Brown, labor on seats for common	27 55
136	Natick Citizen Printing Co., notices for board of health	9 00
154	William Ford, labor on common	10 00
162	W. P. Mayo, cattle inspector	100 00
163	Ryan & Lackey, team for selectmen	1 50
176	Henry Meeks, blank for assessors	1 50
177	Mabel S. Ford, records of transfers for assessors	18 15
180	P. H. O'Connell, sealing town scales	1 00
182	Citizen Printing Co., printing town warrant	8 00
184	Patrick Beatty, posting warrant	2 00
185	Patrick Mahan, stamps and envelopes	10 90

208	R. E. Farwell, insurance	45 00
211	Neilson Johnson, work on common	5 65
212	William Ford, work on common	12 00
220	Peter Garvey, removing tree	7 50
225	William Ford, labor on common	10 00
247	S. Dupois, damage to fence	2 00
267	William Ford, care of common	10 00
272	Citizen Printing Co., printing list of polls	29 00
274	C. W. Burks, returning deaths	10 25
285	Luther T. Snell, repairs on lawn mower	3 00
286	James McManus, for recording tax deeds	2 65
290	William Ford, labor on common	15 00
301	Union Lumber Co., lumber for registrars	45
315	James H. Bates, killing and burying dog	2 00
320	J. Rufus Wales, binding town records	7 00
321	Natick Citizen Printing Co., printing check list, advertising, town warrant	36 00
322	John Everett, returning deaths	6 25
323	Patrick Lucey, work for tree warden	31 54
324	Dennis Houlihan, work for tree warden	30 66
331	H. Dana Morse, repairing street lights	4 00
333	M. J. Manning, putting up check lists	2 00
334	Frank McMahan, expressing	1 00
335	Patrick Lucey, labor for tree warden	6 66
336	Isaac Lord, " " "	4 22
337	Dennis Houlihan, " " "	5 55
339	A. O. Blandin, trimming trees	1 25
342	Greenough, Adams & Cushing, copying ink	1 50
349	Martin Hall, advertising and printing by-laws, letter heads, envelopes and rewards for alarm boxes	46 75
350	Martin Hall, printing scarlet cards for board of health	2 50
351	Joseph Hedge, for cutting down tree on Wil- low street	3 08
380	N. P. U.	15
388	Patrick Walsh, damages on highway	100 00
389	W. F. Barker, stock and labor for covering stonecrusher	50 00

393	Ryan and Lackey, team for selectmen	1 50
406	Edward Clark, recording deeds and tax titles	13 10
425	James H. Bates, killing and burying dogs	5 00
429	W. H. Sylvester, M. D., returning births	7 50
436	Potter, Mahard & Simmonds	2 07
441	Wm. Richards, M. D., vaccination	8 00
443	C. W. Burks, returning deaths	6 25
444	Henry C. Mulligan, town counsel	100 00
447	P. F. Hallman, disbursing State aid	25 00
447	P. F. Hallman, stamps and stationery	4 38
446	W. D. Parlin, supplies for tree warden	1 67
451	Wm. Richards, M. D., returning births	3 50
452	Frank E. Houghton, team for selectmen	1 50
455	Wm. Richards, expenses for board of health	1 41
456	James McManus, returning 190 births, at 50c	95 00
456	“ “ recording 88 marriages at 20c	17 60
456	“ “ recording 158 deaths at 20	31 60
456	“ “ cash paid for express and postage	3 46
458	F. P. Caswell, erecting election booths	1 75
460	Geo. F. Morse, returning births	2 25
462	L. T. Snell, sharpening tools for tree warden	65
463	J. B. Moyse, damage to harness	2 50
467	W. J. Cochran, M. D., returning births	2 50
482	C. P. Currier, disbursing soldier's aid	25 00
484	James McManus, caring rooms 18, 19, 20, one year	13 00
497	Geo. Nutt, serving notices for board of health	2 16
500	W. P. Mayo, cattle inspector	50 00
501	Edward Clark, stationery and stamps	9 98
505	W. E. Daniels, teams for police	50 00

Work done on Walnut Street by Order of the Board of Health.

396	Walter Burke, labor	54 54
445	Frank McMahan, carting	8 15
411	“ “ “	13 00
432	Fiske & Co., two grates	13 00

436	C. and G. Underwood, work on catch basins	17 55	
436	Sewer Department, drain pipes . .	63 40	
437	W. W. Wight, surveying ford rain on Walnut street	9 00	
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			\$2.891 18

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Expended	2,891 18
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Unexpended	\$208 82

Work Done on Pitts Street.

348	Walter Burke, labor	123 94
360	" " "	185 47
361	" " "	150 85
382	" " "	96 32
		<hr/>
		\$556 58

Highways.

25	J. D. Macewen	\$ 91 06
26	P. Flynn	18 42
	E. Goddard	6 00
	Edward Barnicle	10 00
	Frank McGee	5 32
	Patrick Keating	24 00
	John Magee	16 00
	M. J. Manning	52 00
	L. A. Drake	52 00
	R. W. Sproule	52 00
	C. H. Alger	36 00
	L. F. Yeager	8 00
	W. Oakes	42 00
	R. A. Clink	37 50
27	William J. Burke, repairs	124 90
28	J. B. Moyse	82 85
31	Chas. T. Brooks	57 43
32	M. V. B. Bartlett	2 55

33	J. Parmenter	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
34	F. Diehl & Son	.	.	.	.	.	.	23 73
38	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	439 60
51	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	308 55
53	Charles T. Brooks	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 93
62	Bailey's Express	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 17
63	Doon & Bowers	.	.	.	.	.	.	293 68
68	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	370 67
69	Carey & Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 50
70	Walter P. Mayo	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
76	C. and G. Underwood	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 26
77	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	418 09
78	J. A. Morse	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
79	O. Woods & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 80
80	Holmes, Blanchard & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 00
81	Robinson & Jones	.	.	.	.	.	.	14 61
82	Union Lumber Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28 12
83	C. J. Foskett	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
84	L. F. Gould	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
85	E. M. Sheedy	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 25
87	J. H. Powers	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 05
88	W. A. Bird	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 63
89	W. A. Simmons	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
90	Robinson & Jones	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
91	Fred Waterhouse	.	.	.	.	.	.	33 79
92	J. W. King	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 06
95	J. A. Morse	.	.	.	.	.	.	24 70
96	F. Diehl & Son	.	.	.	.	.	.	31 67
111	Mary A. Phelps	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
117	J. B. Messenger estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 80
119	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	453 68
120	Geo. D. Goodrich	.	.	.	.	.	.	67 66
124	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	315 84
127	Dell Park Cemetery Association	.	.	.	.	.	.	44 55
129	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	325 62
131	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	296 52
152	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	347 48
153	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	245 07

160	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	251 25
161	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	284 07
171	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	438 46
192	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	409 30
193	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	291 98
210	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	368 92
217	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	251 06
218	Union Snow Plow Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	219 25
240	J. B. & M. H. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 60
241	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	316 82
248	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	190 95
250	Fiske & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	59 14
251	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	166 65
254	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	284 58
255	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	265 24
271	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	162 96
277	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	210 24
278	Union Snow Plow Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
279	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	191 27
282	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	249 66
302	J. F. Allen	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
303	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	398 79
305	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	180 90
306	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	164 31
310	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	252 31
325	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	237 76
332	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	171 99
346	Natick Water Department	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 66
348	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	102 66
360	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	125 77
362	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	65 17
381	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	201 29
386	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	145 28
395	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	133 39
412	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	113 43
417	James Donovan, for Stone	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 40
431	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	196 76
434	James E. Cooper	.	.	.	.	.	.	40

442	Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	86	34
448	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	158	89
499	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	96	07
156	A. B. Black	.	.	.	.	.	.	287	00

\$12,807 93

Appropriation highway	.	.	\$12,000	00
Stone crusher	.	.	400	00
Willow street	.	.	100	00

12,500 00

Overdrawn \$307 93

POLICE.

2	John J. Oakes	.	.	.	.	.	\$	62	00
3	Elijah Page	.	.	.	.	.		51	00
4	J. M. Blandin	.	.	.	.	.		69	75
5	James M. Blandin, supplies	.	.	.	.	.		1	25
5	William Bean	.	.	.	.	.		62	00
7	Patrick Beatty	.	.	.	.	.		62	00
64	W. J. Cavanaugh, M. D. services	.	.	.	.	.		1	50
93	W. J. Cochran, M. D. services	.	.	.	.	.		3	00
101	Patrick A. Sweeney, repairing on South Na-								
	tick lockup	.	.	.	.	.		10	59
102	J. M. Blandin, supplies	.	.	.	.	.		4	25
103	W. E. Daniels, teams	.	.	.	.	.		10	00
105	J. H. Wright, M. D. services	.	.	.	.	.		1	25
106	J. M. Blandin	.	.	.	.	.		67	50
107	Patrick Beatty	.	.	.	.	.		60	00
108	John Connors	.	.	.	.	.		64	00
112	Thomas Fair	.	.	.	.	.		18	00
113	William Bean	.	.	.	.	.		60	00
114	James B. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	.		6	00
115	John J. Oakes	.	.	.	.	.		60	00
116	Dennis E. Craney	.	.	.	.	.		30	00
140	Patrick Beatty	.	.	.	.	.		62	00
141	John Connors	.	.	.	.	.		62	00
142	Dennis Craney	.	.	.	.	.		62	00

143	J. B. Sweeney	17 00
144	John J. Oakes, team and services	63 00
145	Wm. Bean	62 00
146	J. M. Blandin	69 75
147	J. M. Blandin, supplies	80
148	Thomas Fair	31 00
149	J. M. Blandin, supplies	1 80
150	Fiske & Co., supplies for lockup	80
157	Dennis E. Craney	30 00
158	John Connors	30 00
159	Wm. Brannigan, labor on lockup	6 00
165	W. E. Daniels, teams	12 00
166	" " " "	21 00
167	J. M. Blandin	67 50
168	Patrick Beatty	60 00
169	Dennis Craney	30 00
170	John Connors	30 00
172	Thomas Fair	30 00
173	John J. Oakes	60 00
174	William Bean	60 00
175	J. M. Blandin, supplies	6 60
179	J. B. Sweeney	12 00
213	Fiske & Co., plumbing	14 68
214	E. W. Bullard, July 4	3 00
215	G. W. Underwood, repairs lockup	36 00
224	Natick Gas Light Co.	9 40
226	D. A. Mahoney, laundry	9 50
227	Matthew Brown, July 4	5 00
228	R. W. Kennedy, July 4	4 00
230	J. B. Sweeney	16 00
231	John J. Oakes	64 00
232	John Connors	62 00
233	Thomas Fair	35 00
234	Dennis E. Craney	62 00
235	J. M. Blandin	74 25
236	William Bean	62 00
237	Patrick Beatty	66 00

238	George M. Foster, 2½ days	5 00
	Frank Cummings, 2 days	4 00
	Elijah Page, 2½ days	5 00
	John Green, 3 days	6 00
	W. E. Daniels, 2 days	4 00
	George E. Gowe, 1 day	2 00
	W. Fair, 1 day	2 00
	Wm. McCordick, 1 day	2 00
	Lawrence Yeager, 1 day	2 00
	James H. Bates, 1 day	2 00
239	J. M. Blandin, supplies	2 05
246	Natick Water Department	10 00
249	Fiske & Co.	
252	Dennis Craney	30 00
253	John Connors	30 00
258	Patrick Beatty	62 00
259	Dennis Craney	32 00
260	Thomas Fair	33 00
261	Wm. Bean	62 00
262	John Connors	32 00
263	J. M. Blandin	72 75
265	Natick Gas Light Co.	8 40
266	C. J. Foskett, labor for lockup	19 61
268	R. T. Brown, labor for lockup	1 92
269	John J. Oakes	62 00
270	J. B. Sweeney	14 00
273	Hiram Brown	14 00
275	Dennis Craney	30 00
276	John Connors	30 00
280	James Bates	42 00
289	Natick Gas Light Co.	10 40
291	Thomas Fair	34 00
292	John J. Oakes, team and services	63 00
293	Patrick Beatty	62 00
294	J. B. Sweeney	25 00
295	John Connors	32 00
296	Wm. Bean	62 00
297	Dennis Craney	32 00

298	J. M. Blandin, supplies	.	.	.	.	3 95
299	J. M. Blandin	.	.	.	.	69 75
300	J. M. Blandin	.	.	.	.	14 00
307	John Connors	.	.	.	.	30 00
308	Dennis Craney	.	.	.	.	32 00
311	J. M. Blandin, supplies	.	.	.	.	8 17
312	Thomas Fair	.	.	.	.	16 00
313	Patrick Beatty	.	.	.	.	62 00
314	Wm. Bean	.	.	.	.	62 00
316	J. J. Oakes	.	.	.	.	62 00
317	John Connors	.	.	.	.	32 00
318	James H. Bates	.	.	.	.	14 00
319	J. M. Blandin	.	.	.	.	71 75
328	James B. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	15 00
329	Natick Fire Department for heating lockup at South Natick	.	.	.	.	12 00
340	Thomas Fair	.	.	.	.	3 00
341	W. E. Daniels	.	.	.	.	3 00
345	Natick Water Department	.	.	.	.	7 95
355	John Connors	.	.	.	.	30 00
356	Dennis Craney	.	.	.	.	34 00
359	Thomas Fair	.	.	.	.	2 00
363	A. H. Harding, services on John Mike	.	.	.	.	2 00
364	J. M. Blandin, supplies	.	.	.	.	4 00
365	J. M. Blandin	.	.	.	.	67 50
366	J. B. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	12 00
367	J. J. Oakes	.	.	.	.	62 00
368	Thomas Fair	.	.	.	.	3 00
369	John Connors	.	.	.	.	31 00
370	Patrick Beatty	.	.	.	.	62 00
371	William Bean	.	.	.	.	60 00
378	Dennis Craney	.	.	.	.	31 00
390	Dennis Craney	.	.	.	.	30 00
391	John Connors	.	.	.	.	30 00
394	Frank C. Cummings	.	.	.	.	5 00
420	J. B. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	6 00
421	Campbell & Roberts, supplies	.	.	.	.	4 00
422	John J. Oakes	.	.	.	.	62 00

423	John Connors	. . . . .	32 00
424	William Bean	. . . . .	62 00
425	James H. Bates	. . . . .	2 00
426	Patrick Beatty	. . . . .	62 00
427	Dennis Craney	. . . . .	2 00
428	J. M. Blandin	. . . . .	70 25
450	John Connors	. . . . .	30 00
466	Chas. H. Hoey, telephoning	. . . . .	1 75
468	P. R. Manuel, M. D. services	. . . . .	2 00
483	W. J. Cochran, M. D. services	. . . . .	4 00
485	Campbell & Roberts	. . . . .	1 50
486	Patrick Beatty	. . . . .	62 00
487	Burke & Dolan	. . . . .	75
488	J. M. Blandin	. . . . .	68 10
489	J. M. Blandin, care of lockup	. . . . .	25 00
490	John Connors	. . . . .	32 00
491	Wm. Bean	. . . . .	62 00
492	George F. Morse	. . . . .	1 00
493	John J. Oakes	. . . . .	62 90
495	C. T. Brooks, teams	. . . . .	2 00

\$4,695 62

Appropriation	. . . . .	\$4,700 00
Expended	. . . . .	4,695 62
Unexpended	. . . . .	\$2 38

TOWN OFFICERS.

44	P. F. Hallinan, registrar of voters	. . . . .	75 00
110	James McManus " " "	. . . . .	100 00
123	Walter B. Robinson, registrar of voters	. . . . .	75 00
133	S. A. Sweetland, registrar of voters	. . . . .	75 00
135	M. E. Morris, auditor	. . . . .	25 00
194	" " " " . . . . .	. . . . .	20 00
196	M. E. Smith, services as selectman	. . . . .	100 00
216	George N. Cobb, services as selectman	. . . . .	75 00
219	M. E. Smith, services as overseer of the poor	. . . . .	40 00
242	Chas. E. Rice, services as assessor	. . . . .	300 00
243	David Finn " " "	. . . . .	300 00

244	Royal Ellis, services as assessor . . .	300 00
284	M. E. Morris, auditor	30 00
304	Francis Perry, services as overseer of poor .	100 00
309	P. R. Manuel, M. D., services on board of health	40 00
354	M. E. Smith, services as selectman . . .	100 00
372	Wm. H. Sullivan, services as registrar .	50 00
380	Philip Conealy, services on board of health	20 00
384	W. P. Mayo, cattle inspector	50 00
447	P. F. Hallinan, services as selectman . . .	233 33
454	I. B. S. Randall, services on board of health	16 66
455	Wm. Richards " " " " "	66 66
457	M. E. Morris, auditor	25 00
461	M. E. Smith, services as selectman . . .	83 33
	" " " overseer of poor	43 33
465	Philip Conealy	30 00
484	James McManus, town clerk	500 00
494	P. R. Manuel, services on board of health .	26 00
496	J. A. Bean, services as overseer of poor .	133 33
498	Frank C. Perry, services as overseer of poor	83 33
501	Edward Clark, services as town treasurer .	500 00
503	Geo. N. Cobb, services as selectman . . .	158 33

\$4,130 30

Expended / \$4,130 30

Appropriation 4,000 00

Overdrawn \$130 30

PRECINCT OFFICERS.

8	Alfred Hoey	\$5 00
9	H. C. Glidden	5 00
10	Thomas F. Williams	5 00
11	Herbert R. Fittz	5 00
12	William G. Dodge	5 00
13	E. T. Wilson	5 00
14	H. E. Pratt	5 00
15	Horace H. Potter	5 00
16	W. A. Laughton	5 00

17	Percy W. Ambler	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
18	Harry L. Gleason	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
19	S. W. Holmes	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
37	Howard Morse	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
44	E. E. Taylor	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
47	A. D. Gurney	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
48	T. J. Houlihan	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
50	Patrick Moran	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
52	F. W. Sampson	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
42	A. P. Knowles	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
54	John Kenealy	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
55	H. L. Pfeiffer	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
56	Timothy J. Murphy	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
57	John H. Hogan	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
58	Frank Atkinson	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
59	George N. Goddard	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
60	M. F. Kennedy	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
61	Chas. Q. Tirrell	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
73	John E. Shea	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
74	Geo. W. Travis	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
75	Forrest N. Adams	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
97	J. B. Leamy	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
100	John M. Minnock	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
164	H. C. Underwood	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	John E. Felch	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	John A. Hogan	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	A. P. Knowles	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	W. O. Copithorn	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	H. E. Conant	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	Harry L. Gleason	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	William G. Dodge	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	Timothy Sullivan	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	Eliot Perry	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	James B. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
330	Gustavus Smith	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	John F. Scannell	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	Harry E. Bruce	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	Frank Atkinson	.	.	.	.	.	5 00

330	Humphrey Sheehan	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	M. H. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
230	B. F. Moran	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	F. W. Sampson	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	Arthur P. Sleeper	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	Ernest W. Burks	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	Patrick Moran	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
330	M. H. Carey	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
347	T. J. Houlihan	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	G. W. Ingalls	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	John S. Goulding	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	P. J. Donahoe	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	P. W. Ambler	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
352	John Minnock	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
353	Austin H. Fitz	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
373	James P. Keating	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
374	Henry L. Pfeiffer	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
375	E. B. Ramsdell	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
392	George M. Foster	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
397	Frank J. McCullough	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
398	O. T. Bartlett	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
430	S. W. Holmes	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
435	M. H. Kennedy	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
449	T. J. Murphy	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
506	Forest N. Adams	.	.	.	.	.	5 00

LIGHTING STREETS.

45	Natick Gas and Electric Co.	.	.	.		\$428 83
46	" " " " "	.	.	.		28 30
99	" " " " "	.	.	.		428 83
109	" " " " "	.	.	.		21 10
137	" " " " "	.	.	.		18 30
138	" " " " "	.	.	.		428 83
190	" " " " "	.	.	.		18 70
191	" " " " "	.	.	.		428 83
224	" " " " "	.	.	.		2 20
229	" " " " "	.	.	.		428 83

264	Natick Gas and Electric Co	.	.	.	428 83
265	" " " " "	.	.	.	20 60
288	" " " " "	.	.	.	428 88
289	" " " " "	.	.	.	13 50
357	" " " " "	.	.	.	428 83
358	" " " " "	.	.	.	24 10
385	" " " " "	.	.	.	428 83
418	" " " " "	.	.	.	428 83
419	" " " " "	.	.	.	58 00
507	" " " " "	.	.	.	477 25

\$4,970 35

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	\$5,760 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	4,970 35
Unexpended	.	.	.	.	789 65

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

181	Martha Clark	.	.	.	50 00
188	Natick Five Cent Savings Bank	.	.	.	880 00
189	E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer	.	.	.	62 50
399	Trustees of Morse Hospital	.	.	.	16 66
404	Martha Clark	.	.	.	50 00
407	E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer	.	.	.	2,800 00
469	Natick Five Cent Savings Bank	.	.	.	200 00
470	" " " " "	.	.	.	100 00
471	" " " " "	.	.	.	880 00
472	Trustees of Morse Hospital	.	.	.	350 00
473	Sinking Fund Commissioners	.	.	.	200 00
474	E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer	.	.	.	145 00
477	Edward Clark	.	.	.	24 00
478	Edward Clark, pay interest on Sewer Bonds	.	.	.	9,000 00

\$14,757 66

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	15,000 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	14,757 66
Unexpended	.	.	.	.	\$242 34

SUNDRY APPROPRIATIONS.

67	Mrs. Lois Judkins, refunding tax . . .	80 08
125	Post 63, G. A. R., erecting headstones to soldiers	59 25
139	Memorial day	225 00
156	A. B. Black, repairing stone crusher . . .	287 00
257	Fred McFarland, driving well	51 00
416	Simon Mulligan, Revolutionary markers . .	115 00
459	Frank E. Boardman, winding clock . . .	25 00
479	Natick Water Department, for prospecting in water supply	500 00
480	Eliot Perry, winding clock	25 00
502	E. Clark, hall for firemen's dance . . .	40 00
"	E. Clark, rent of Armory for Co. L . . .	400 00
"	E. Clark, rent of Concert hall and town officers	750 00

SOLDIERS AID.

36	M. E. Smith	300 00
39	R. B. Wight	35 00
49	M. E. Smith	100 00
104	C. P. Currier	275 00
122	" "	175 00
132	R. B. Wight	35 00
151	C. P. Currier	275 00
183	" "	175 00
223	" "	200 00
256	" "	200 00
281	R. B. Wight	35 00
283	C. P. Currier	100 00
327	" "	300 00
377	" "	250 00
433	" "	150 00
438	R. B. Wight	35 00
439	" "	35 00

\$2,675 00

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Due from the State	175 00
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Expended	\$2,675 00

BORROWED MONEY.

187	State treasurer	\$10,000 00
399	Trustees Morse Hospital	2,500 00
400	Bay State Trust Co.	5,000 00
401	Boston Safe Deposit Co.	10,000 00
402	Bay State Trust Co.	5,000 00
403	E. P. Shaw, state treasurer	5,000 00
405	" " " " " "	10,000 00
469	Natick Five Cents Savings Bank	1,000 00
470	" " " " " "	500 00
474	State treasurer	10,000 00
475	Natick Five Cents Savings Bank	2,000 00
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		\$61,000 00

MILITARY AID.

Appropriation	\$400 00
Due from state	376 00
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	\$776 00
Expended	752 00
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Unexpended	\$24 00

CONCRETE WALK.

178	D. J. Ferguson	\$ 600 00
209	" " "	812 40
	W. W. Wight, surveying	23 50
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								\$1,435 90
	Appropriation	\$900 00	
	Due from abutters	522 35	
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								1,422 35
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	Overdrawn	\$13 55

COLLECTION AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

30	C. P. Currier	100 00
72	" "	"	61 16
221	" "	"	.	.	.	.	.	187 30
222	" "	"	.	.	.	.	.	200 00
287	" "	"	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
326	" "	"	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
376	" "	"	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
379	" "	"	tax titles	447 94

\$1,296 40

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Expended	1,296 40

Unexpended	703 60
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GRADE CROSSING.

1	D. J. Ferguson	605 27
128	Royal Ellis	30 00
155	W. W. Wight	50 00
195	H. C. Mulligan	40 75
197	George Nutt	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 12
198	C. B. Felch	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
199	John Morse	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
200	F. M. Boardman	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
201	Robinson & Jones	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
202	George L. Sleeper	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
203	F. L. Ferrin	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
204	W. M. Bruce	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
205	S. A. Sweetland	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
206	O. H. Burleigh	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
207	W. L. Coolidge	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
387	John E. Spruhen	.	.	.	.	.	.	350 00
407	State Treasurer	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,730 32
410	Edward Clark	.	.	.	.	.	.	200 00
440	William B. Sprout, council for E. McManus	1,173 68

453	H. C. Mulligan	1,362 50
464	J. W. Morse	200 00
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		\$11,990 64

SUMMARY.

Interest.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Expended	1,475 76
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Unexpended	\$24 24

Roads, Bridges and Culverts and Repairing Stone Crusher.

Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$12,807	93
Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,500	00
Overdrawn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$307	93

Sidewalks and Crosswalks.

Appropriation	\$900 00
Expended	900 00

Police.

Appropriation	\$4,700 00
Expended	4,697 62
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Unexpended	\$2 38

Collection and Abatement of Taxes.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Expended	1,296 40
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Unexpended	\$703 60

Town and Precinct Officers.

Expended	\$4,130 00
Appropriation	4,000 00
Overdrawn	<u>\$130 00</u>

Soldiers Aid.

Expended	\$2,675 00
Appropriation	2,500 00
Due from State	<u>\$175 00</u>

Military Aid.

Appropriation	\$400 00
Due from State	376 00
Expended	<u>\$776 00</u>
Unexpended	752 00
	<u>\$24 00</u>

State Aid.

Appropriation	\$4,897 50
Expended	4,897 50

Memorial Day.

Appropriation	\$225 00
Expended	225 00

Lighting Streets.

Appropriation	\$5,720 00
Expended	4,970 93
Unexpended	<u>\$749 07</u>

Rent of Town Hall and Offices.

Appropriation	\$750 00
Expended	750 00

Armory of Co. L.

Appropriation	\$400 00
Expended	400 00

Necessary Town Uses.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Expended	2,891 18
Unexpended	<u>\$108 82</u>

Lois Judkins.

Appropriation	\$80 08
Expended	80 08

Prospecting for New Water Supply.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended	500 00

Concert Hall for Firemen's Dance.

Appropriation	\$40 00
Expended	40 00

Winding Town Clock.

Appropriation	\$50 00
Expended	50 00

Putting in Pump.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Expended	51 00
Unexpended	<u>\$49 00</u>

Headstones for Soldiers.

Appropriation	\$75 00
Expended	59 25
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Unexpended	\$15 75

Revolutionary Markers.

Appropriation	\$125 00
Expended	125 00

Repairing Stone Crusher.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$400 00
Expended	.	.	,	.	.	.	.	400 00

REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report for the year ending January 31, 1898.

By vote of the Town an itemized report was demanded which we have tried to comply with.

Pitts Street.

An unexpected expense and one for which no provision was made for by the Town was the building of Pitts street extending from Pond street to Curve for which the town was obliged to spend two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents in fulfilling a contract entered into between the town with D. J. Ferguson. By the terms of said contract, the said Pitts street was to be built in one year from the date of the contract or the town should pay Mr. Ferguson \$250.00 in addition to the amount already paid. By using the broken stone which was left in large quantities on the street by the sewerage department at the time the pipes were laid in the street and the gravel which we secured from the B. & A. railroad, for the hauling, we accomplished for the money expended very much more than if delayed another year and for which Mr. Ferguson agreed to waive all claims against the town for the \$250.00.

Appointments.

POLICE—J. M. Blandin, chief; pay, \$2.25 per day.

Patrick Beatty, at the centre.

William Bean, at the centre.

John Connors, at the centre.

John J. Oakes, at South Natick.

Thomas Fair, $\frac{1}{2}$ night, on South Main street.

James B. Sweeney, Saturday nights and Sundays at South Natick.

Dennis Craney, at Felchville, $\frac{1}{2}$ night, and from twelve o'clock till morning in the centre.

CATTLE INSPECTOR—Walter P. Mayo.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—Patrick O'Connell.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT—Geo. M. Foster.

Chas. J. Foskett.

John T. Donnelly.

James H. Bates.

Hiram Brown.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS—

S. Augustus Sweetland, for three years.

Wm. H. Sullivan, for one year, to fill vacancy.

Michael E. Morris as auditor, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of A. A. Kane, he being appointed superintendent of sewers.

On the fourth of June, Isaac Randall died, and the remaining members of the Board of Health with the Selectmen met together and appointed Philip J. Conealy to fill the vacancy.

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The appropriation for sidewalks was expended on Main street, the town voting to have the same put in from Macewen's carriage factory to the fountain in Felchville. There have been a great many petitions presented for concrete walks, the abutters being willing to pay one-half the expense, so we think that an appropriation of one thousand dollars, recommended by the committee on appropriations, none too large.

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Art. 13 of the warrant instructing the selectmen to request the two street railways to use patent tank cars with sprinkling arms to sprinkle the streets was complied with but no answer to the request was made.

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The pump which the town voted to put in, and instructed the selectmen to have done, was a failure. We employed Mr. McFarland of Sherborn to do the work and after driving some thirty feet he found a ledge and the work was abandoned after an expense of fifty-one dollars had been incurred,

In accordance with the vote of the town to hire the rooms in the second story of Masonic block for town offices we visited the rooms and found that the place was well adapted for the use of the offices, so we entered into an agreement with the Trustees of the Morse Hospital for the use of the same at a rent of \$550.00 per year for five rooms, which we hope to occupy by the time this report is in the hands of the citizens.

Street Lighting.

At the annual meeting an article in the warrant asking for lights to be placed in certain parts of the town was referred to the selectmen, but the appropriation that was made was only enough to maintain the lights in use at the time. At a subsequent meeting an appropriation of \$500.00 was made to light Marion and Bacon streets which is now completed. Also an appropriation of \$300.00 for East Central street, provided the Natick & Cochituate Electric Railroad Company would not furnish lights. The company was requested so to do and they complied with the request and are now paying for six lights, the same amount that they contribute to the town of Wellesley for lighting; so the money that was appropriated could not in our judgment be used.

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On November 30, we received notice from the Board of Health as to the condition of the cellars on Walnut and Winnemay streets, caused by the accumulation of water coming from the hill which was condemned as a public nuisance, and we were instructed to take care of the water which we did by laying pipe through the land of F. L. Ferrin and connecting with an old drain, carrying the water to the brook on Willow street, at an expense of \$15.879.

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There is one matter that the attention of the voters should be called to, and that is the system of keeping the records and accounts of the Fire Department in former years. When the

present Board of Engineers came into power on May 1, 1897, they could find no records, no bills, or any vouchers for moneys paid out by their predecessors. They asked Mr. Morse for the records and bills and met with anything but a pleasant reception. We, therefore, thought it our duty to look into the matter. We then made a demand on Mr. Morse for the bills and records of the Fire Department while under his management, and we were informed that he had no record, no bills. We have changed that system of things, and the present Board of Engineers have the same system as other departments, and are required to keep a correct account of all moneys expended by them.

We would recommend that the auditor notify the selectmen when any departments are not keeping a proper account of the expenditure of the town money.

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We do not feel it just to close our remarks without reference to the prompt and efficient manner in which the two electric roads disposed of the snow and put the streets in a passable condition for travel.

PATRICK F. HALLINAN,
MILTON E. SMITH,
GEORGE N. COBB,

Selectmen of Natick.

LIST OF JURORS

To be Submitted to the Town for Acceptance or Revision
March 7, 1898.

Adams, John R.
Ahern, John J.
Beatty, William H.
Brennan, Patrick
Brown, Matthew, 1st,
Brannigan, Matthew
Brown, Edmund H.
Brown, William H.,
Buckley, Dennis H.
Buckley, Cornelius E.
Burns, Timothy W.
Burks, Charles W.
Babb, Mark B.
Bartlett, Oscar T.
Belger, James E.
Bowers, Russell E.
Carroll, Bartholomew J.
Childs, Edward J.
Cleland, William F.
Clough, Harry W.
Coleman, Daniel
Coleman, John
Conant, Martin
Colburn, Henry B.
Caswell, Frank P.
Danforth, Frank E.
Dodge, William G.
Dowd, Edward
Dickerson, C. A.
Davis, Harlan J.
Dennis, Henry W.
Doyle, Walter
Eaton, Ralph
Eldridge, Allen J.

Engel, John
Finn, Edward H.
Finn, William
Fiske, John M.
Foley, Richard
Foskett, Abijah
Foley, Jeremiah
Fair, William H.
Fisher, Weston
Grady, John H.
Goodnow, C. A.
Glidden, Howard C.
Ginder, William
Griffin, Thomas J.
Hall, Charles W.
Hall, James W.
Healey, Bartholomew J.
Hobbs, William J.
Harper, A. H.
Hardie, Charles S.
Harris, Joseph H.
Ingalls, George H.
Jennison, Charles A.
Johnson, William T.
Jones, William H.
Kimball, George W.
Knowlton, George O.
King, Patrick H.
Kopff, Charles L.
Lincoln, Joel F.
Littlefield, Joseph H.
Loker, George C.
Lucey, Daniel J.
Lucey, Fred J.

Mahony, Daniel
 Mahoney, Daniel A.
 Mahoney, Dennis J.
 Mara, James
 McCordick, William H.
 McGee, Frank
 McGrath, Michael F.
 McManus, Patrick F.
 Meagher, Thomas
 Miles, Alonzo
 Mitchell, Charles A.
 Marriner, George W.
 Maynard, William C.
 McCracken, William
 McCracken, James
 Moran, Bernard F.
 Morris, M. E.
 Morse, Howard W.
 McManus, Edward
 McMenomy, Hugh
 Murphy, Patrick J.
 Nute, Edgar
 Norris, John W.
 O'Brien, John H.
 Oakes, John J.
 O'Neal, Thomas F.
 O'Donnell, Thomas F.
 Pepper, Austin
 Pooke, Charles A.
 Porter, Frank

Pratt, H. E.
 Powers, John H.
 Rollins, Seth J.
 Ryan, Edmond
 Randall, Mark W.
 Ray, John L.
 Rice, Charles E.
 Ross, Jonathan E.
 Sutherland, George M.
 Sheehan, Daniel, 1st,
 Sheehan, Michael D.
 Smith, Milton E.
 Stevens, John A.
 Spruhen, James J.
 Smith, Andrew F.
 Schleicher, George W.
 Smith, Gustavus
 Shannon, Luke
 Sheedy, Edward M.
 Sweeney, Patrick D.
 Travis, George W.
 Thompson, Alonzo A.
 Underwood, Justin H.
 Underwood, Alfred B.
 Willis, Abel J.
 Walker, Oscar S.
 Whalan, John B.
 Welch, Patrick H.
 Williams, John A.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

To the Board of Selectmen :

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the requirements of law, I hereby submit the following report of the Police Department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1898.

The force during the past year has consisted of the following named persons, Wm. Bean, Patrick Beatty, Dennis Craney, John Connors, John Oakes, James Sweeney, Thomas Fair and J. M. Blandin, who was appointed chief.

Whole number of arrests 612

CAUSES.

Assault	19
Bastardy	1
Defrauding boarding houses	2
Disturbing peace	36
Drunkenness	490
Embezzlement	1
Fraud	3
Larceny	18
Liquor nuisance	3
Malicious mischief	1
Manslaughter	1
Non-support	2
Operating boiler without license	2
Robbery	2
Trespass	15
Vagrancy	12
Violation of town by-laws	1

Twelve dollars have been collected from itinerant street peddlers and turned over to the Town Treasurer. There have been forty-seven store doors found unfastened and the same have been made secure. Ninety tramps have been lodged in lockup.

I would repeat my recommendations of last year in regard to the accommodations for the proper care of prisoners at the lock-up. The growing needs of the town in this direction require larger and better facilities in this department, which could be had in the basement of the engine house at a nominal expense to the town. I would recommend a patrol wagon for the department, which could also be used to advantage by the fire department and would eventually prove an item of economy to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BLANDIN,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF THE NATICK FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Citizens of Natick:

We have the honor to herewith present our first annual report, giving a detailed statement of fires and alarms, also the losses and insurance, together with the value of property endangered, the amount of insurance carried, the actual loss, and the amount of insurance paid, as nearly as it has been possible for us to ascertain, covering from May 1, 1897, to Feb. 1, 1898.

ALARMS.

Total number of alarms	25
Bell alarms	11
Telephone calls	2
Still alarms	12

Buildings Destroyed By Fire.

Totally destroyed	2
Partially destroyed	4
Slightly damaged	3
Total number of fires in buildings	9

Value on Buildings and Contents.

Value of buildings	\$15,250 00
Value of contents	20,715 00
	<hr/> \$35,965 00

Loss on Buildings and Contents.

Loss on buildings	\$1,135 00
Loss on contents	595 00
	<hr/> \$1,730 00

Insurance on Buildings and Contents.

Insurance on buildings	.	.	.	\$10,500 00
Insurance on contents	.	.	.	12,700 00
				<hr/> \$23,200 00

The losses for the year were exceptionally light. The heaviest loss of the year was Johnson's store on Pond St., which was a total loss of seven hundred dollars on building and contents.

STATEMENT OF DETAILS OF FIRES AND ALARMS FOR NINE MONTHS, ENDING FEB. 1, 1898.

May 8, Box 46, 4.50 p.m.	Woods rear of Elm Park House.
May 9, Box 34, 2.42 p.m.	Stillman's woods, South Natick.
May 24, 7.20 a.m.	Nutt & Pratt's. Automatic alarm. No damage.
June 2, 12.15 p.m.	Robinson & Jones' shed. Still alarm. No damage.
July 3, 6.50 a.m.	Nutt & Pratt's. Automatic. No fire.
July 3, Box 26, 5.30 p.m.	John Allen's house on South avenue. Caused by firecrackers.
Damage	\$25 00
July 5, 9.37 p.m.	Bonfire in rear of Cochituate school house. No damage. Still alarm.
July 18, 10 p.m.	Electric wire in tree on North Main St. No damage. Still alarm.
July 18, 11.15 p.m.	Electric wire in tree in front of C. T. Brooks', Summer St. No damage. Still alarm.
Aug. 11, 8.30 a.m.	Johnson, Dale & Aldrich. Automatic alarm. No damage.
Sept. 7, Box 25, 7.40 p.m.	T. Donnellon's barn, South Main St. Caused by smoking in hay.
Loss to building	\$275 00
Contents	50 00
Total	<hr/> \$325 00

Sept. 21, Box 34, 8.26 a.m. Jerry Nelson's block, South Natick. Caused by stove setting woodbox on fire.

Damage to building	\$100 00
Damage to contents	50 00

Total	\$150 00
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Sept. 24, 8.50 p.m. Rev. M. F. Delaney's house, East Central St. Still alarm. No damage.

Oct. 15, Box 25, 1.35 a.m. George Johnson's store, Pond St. Total loss. Cause, incendiary, by parties unknown.

Loss	\$700 00
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Oct. 19, 4.55 p.m. Woods at Town Park. Still alarm.

Oct. 19, 6.15 p.m. Woods on Worcester St. bridge, at Wil-
lows. Still alarm.

Oct. 21, Box 25, 5.35 a.m. Fiske's block, South avenue. Caused by overheated smoke pipe from boiler.

Damage to building	\$200 00
Contents	260 00

Total	\$460 00
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Oct. 29, Box 27, 7.35 p.m. P. Ahern's barn, Avon St. Total loss. Cause unknown.

Building and contents	\$55 00
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Nov. 8, fire in woods at West Natick, land of M. V. B. Prescott. No damage.

Nov. 18, Box 25, 10.34 a.m. O. Woods' buildings, Spring St. Caused by sparks from chimney.

Damage to building	\$10 00
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Dec. 3, Box 13, 9.55 a.m. George Goddard's house, Co-chituate street. Caused by sparks from bonfire.

Damage	\$10 00
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Dec. 5, Box 46, 7.33 p.m. Fennessey's house, Worcester St. Caused by defective flue.

Damage to building	\$100 00
" " contents	20 00

Total	\$120 00
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Dec. 31, 9 a.m. Johnson, Dale & Aldrich. Automatic alarm. No damage.

FIRES IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, 1897.

Jan. 9.	Michael Naphin, barn	Total loss
17.	Calvin Adams, house	Damage slight
25.	J. P. Covey, hen house	Damage slight
25.	Ellen Maher, house	No damage
27.	Charles Whittemore, house	No damage
Feb. 21.	M. L. Brooks, blacksmith shop	Partial loss
Mar. 15.	Andrew Cederhove, house	Total loss
April 1.	E. F. Brennan, shoe factory	Partial loss
2.	J. J. Walker, house	Total loss
2.	Fire in the woods.	
4.	Catherine McGlone, house	Damage slight
Estimated value of buildings before fire, \$11,040 00		
" " of contents before fire, 16,300 00		
		<hr/> \$27,340 00
Estimated damage to building by fire, \$6,245 00		
" " to contents by fire, 11,330 00		
		<hr/> \$17,575 00
Insurance on buildings that were on fire, \$9,825 00		
" on contents that were on fire, 15,200 00		
		<hr/> \$25,025 00

HORSES.

There are eleven horses connected with the department. One is used exclusively by the department, the other ten are used by the Road Department.

STATIONS.

We have three stations and all are in fair condition. We have spent about four hundred dollars on the South Natick Engine House, and it is in good condition. The Central Station, if it had a couple of coats of paint on the inside, would be in first-class condition. Felchville, or Hose 4 House we would like to have remodeled.

HOSE.

In the Central Station there are:

900 feet of new hose.
2,000 feet of hose in fair condition.
1,000 feet of hose that ought to be replaced.

Hose 2 House, South Natick.

500 feet of new hose.
600 feet of hose in good condition.
1,000 feet of hose in fair condition.

Felchville, or Hose 4 House.

500 feet of hose in good condition.
1,000 feet of hose in fair condition.

Independent Hose Co. No. 5

has about 800 feet of hose in fair condition.

Independent Hose Co. No. 6.

750 feet of hose in fair condition.

Independent Hose Co. No. 7.

700 feet of hose in fair condition.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Instruments in circuit at fire alarm headquarters.

	NO.
Five circuit repeater 1897	1
Galvenometers	3
Five point switch board	1
Morse keys	1
One test currant indicator	1
Tape registers	2
No. 1 and 2 strikers	2
Whistle machine	1
Battery jars and contents in circuit	150

We have added three new boxes of the non-interfering type, box 51, at the corner of Cottage and Everett streets; box 61, at the corner of Pond and Speen streets; 323, Glen street, South Natick.

The Board of '96, recommending a larger battery room and a repeater, we now occupy the room formerly occupied by the water department as a battery room, having seventy-two more cells of battery in use as we added fourteen miles of wire to our fire alarm telegraph. As we have about forty miles of wire we thought it advisable to put in a repeater of the United States pattern. By buying it when we did we bought a five circuit repeater for \$500.00 complete. At the present time it is \$1,100.00 complete, owing to an advance in price caused by a monopoly of that class of goods.

There is one permanent man at the Central Fire Station. He has charge of the Central Station, is superintendent of fire alarm and driver for Hose One.

CALL MEN.

Chief of department	1
Assistant chief of department	1
Engineers	3
Engineers of engines	2
Firemen of engines	2
Drivers of apparatus	6
Foremen	5
Hose and truck men	38
Total	58

APPARATUS.

The apparatus consists of two steam fire engines, two hook and ladder trucks, four hose wagons, three hose reels, eight fire extinguishers. All but No. 1 truck are in good condition, that being too light for what it is expected to do. We would recommend a new truck.

ORDERS.

Drawn previous to May 1, 1897 \$1,433 60

Orders Drawn Since May 1, 1897.

1 George Brierly	\$14 74
2 A. S. Jackson	127 67
3 H. T. Woodbury	42 34

4	W. D. Parlin	\$29 42
5	C. J. Foskett	35 47
6	Union Lumber Co.	16 59
7	Cornelius Callahan	15 00
8	T. J. Whalen	30 00
9	Fred Springer	7 00
10	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	19 36
11	W. A. Hook	8 40
12	John Robinson	15 67
13	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	8 91
14	Hiram Brown, sundry bills	12 25
15	T. J. Whalen	30 00
16	John Robinson	12 00
17	W. A. Hook	4 00
18	Chas. L. Koppf, labor	10 17
19	Fiske & Co., as per contract of 1896	112 40
20	Natick Gas Co.	13 60
21	Cornelius Callahan, supplies	9 50
22	T. J. Whalen	20 00
23	Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., supplies	5 00
24	C. J. Foskett, Sundry bills	5 12
25	Union Lumber Co. for supplies	13 46
26	F. W. Meserve, for labor	23 91
27	R. T. Brown, horse shoeing	6 25
28	T. J. Whalen, for services	25 00
29	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	9 87
30	Gamewell Fire Alarm Co.	44 37
31	Wm. G. Dodge, for Hose 1	100 00
32	Elmer E. Snow, for H. & L. Co.	137 50
33	Thomas Deignan, for Hose 3	100 00
34	John A. D. Mills, for Hose 4	95 83
35	William H. Foster, for Hose 3	112 50
36	H. M. Robbins, services	25 00
37	L. P. Stone, services	18 75
38	H. M. Stone, services	12 50
39	C. J. Foskett, for services	37 50
40	T. J. Whalen, for services	50 00
41	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	26 34

42	W. G. Dodge, labor on extension of fire alarm	\$7 00
43	Edward Ford, labor	12 50
44	United States Fire Alarm Co.	339 15
45	T. J. Whalen, services	12 00
46	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	5 00
47	John Murphy, labor	12 50
48	Edward Ford, labor	15 00
49	Wm. Dodge, labor	10 00
50	Ted Morse, services	10 30
51	John Murphy	5 00
52	Wm. G. Dodge, labor	11 00
53	Edward Ford, labor	15 00
54	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	17 50
55	D. E. Kent, for wire	9 60
56	American Express Co., for valves	42 25
57	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	35 48
58	T. J. Whalen	40 00
59	Arthur Hunting, for labor	22 50
60	M. F. Logan, for labor	26 77
61	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	19 78
62	Benedict, Burnham & Co.	10 76
63	P. A. Sweeney, for labor	15 00
64	J. B. and M. H. Sweeney, for supplies	15 40
65	T. J. Whalen	20 00
66	David Woodsum, as per contract	150 00
67	Thomas Sweeney, for labor	8 00
68	Cornelius Callahan	6 00
69	J. B. Whalan	7 00
70	David M. Woodsum	70 76
71	Pettingill, Andrews & Co.	20 25
72	C. J. Foskett	56 84
73	T. J. Whalen	40 00
74	James Bates, sundry bills	16 00
75	Natick Water Department	38 20
76	Charles L. Kopff	21 21
77	H. P. Stone	12 50
78	L. P. Stone	18 75
79	R. T. Brown	10 38

80	Anchor Electric Co.	\$12 50
81	Fiske & Co.	6 91
82	Elmer E. Snow, for Hook and Ladder No. 1.	137 50
83	William G. Dodge, for Hose 1	100 00
84	T. J. Deignan, for Hose 3	97 90
85	William H. Foster, for Hose 2	112 50
86	H. M. Robbins, for services	25 00
87	J. A. D. Mills, for Hose 4	100 00
88	T. J. Whalen, for services	62 00
89	James H. Bates, for services	37 50
90	Hiram Brown, for services	37 50
91	Charles J. Foskett, for services	37 50
92	John T. Donnelly, for services	37 50
93	Charles J. Foskett, sundry bills	35 43
94	Mrs. P. Driscoll, for washing	6 60
95	Fred Earle, for wire stretchers	5 25
96	New England Telephone Co.	7 10
97	Mrs. P. Driscoll, for washing	3 75
98	William G. Dodge, for Hose 1	100 00
99	William H. Foster, for Hose 2	112 50
100	T. J. Deignan, for Hose 3	100 00
101	Elmer E. Snow, for Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1	137 50
102	J. A. D. Mills, for Hose 4	100 00
103	C. J. Foskett, sundry bills	5 08
104	" " " " "	13 09

SUMMARY.

Regular appropriation	\$5,000 00
For extension of fire alarm	500 00
By bills received	12 00
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Total receipts	\$5,512 00
Expended by previous board	\$1,443 60
" by present board	3,569 49
" for extension of fire alarm	498 91
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Total	25,512 00

REMARKS.

The past year has been a fortunate one for this town in regard to fires. There have been no large fires and few small ones.

In the nine months ending with Feb. 1, 1898, we have had only 11 bell alarms and 12 still, with a total loss of less than \$1,800. This is partly to the credit of the citizens of Natick, in guarding against fire, and partly to the vigilance of the Fire Department.

When the present board of engineers took control of the Department we found the affairs in rather a chaotic condition; the three companies in the central station had disbanded and left the house empty. Five minutes after the clock struck 12 on the night of April 30 we had the house filled with men ready to answer an alarm. We found most of the apparatus in fair condition. We have made some improvements, have put brakes on all the hose wagons and a new brake and general repairs on the truck. We consider the brake a great necessity, as the holdback arrangement on Hose 3 had been badly strained and was not safe. Brakes should have been put on the hose wagons when they were built. The fire alarm system we found in a poor condition. There were many weak places in the line, both as regards poles and wire and we had to make general repairs at once. Mr. Wheeler, superintendent of the Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., kindly aided us and we soon had it in good running order. We, afterwards, made arrangements with the United States Fire & Police Telegraph Company to put in a repeater and divide the line into five circuits. They agreed to put it in and wait till the town accepted it at their annual town meeting, for their pay.

We have taken the rooms formerly used by the Water Board for a battery room, and have now as good a fire alarm system as any town of its size in the state.

The separate parlors for each company have been discontinued and made into a general parlor, a sleeping room, and a smoking room. We have put in three more beds and now have six men sleeping in the house. We believe it is the best policy to keep the men at the houses as much as it is possible for call men to be there.

The tenement in the South Natick house has been given up and the rooms given to the use of the firemen ; beds have been put in and two men sleep there.

At Felchville, Hose 4 house is old and too small, and we would recommend as soon as possible that they have a new house.

Hose 5, an independent company at North Natick, is well organized and in good working order.

Hose 6 at West Natick consisted of a two-wheeled hose reel and 500 feet of hose, two lengths of which was no good, and with no hose company or any one to use it. We organized a company of fourteen men with Walter H. Davis, foreman, replaced the poor hose, and have things in good order. Through the kindness of the foreman, they have a temporary house in his old shop.

The other hose reel No 7 we have placed at Southville in the Hopewell barn and have organized a company of fifteen men with Frank C. Cummings, foreman. A house is needed both here and at West Natick in the near future.

Great credit is due the men who form the rank and file of the Natick fire department. They have, to a man, taken an interest in their work and have done their best to bring the department up to its former high standard.

The former board of engineers when they vacated their office took with them every record, bill and piece of paper containing any account of the doings of this department, which left us without any data to go by.

CHAS. J. FOSKETT, Chief,
GEO. M. FOSTER,
JOHN T. DONNELLY,
JAMES H. BATES,
HIRAM BROWN.

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

To the Taxpayers and Voters of Natick :

Herewith I submit my report as Highway Surveyor :

The grant of money for this department, including \$400 for repairs on stonecrusher, and \$100 for Willow street, aggregated \$12,500.

I have had a long and varied experience with the highways of the town, but must say that I cannot remember whenever the streets of Natick were in so wretched a condition, generally, as they appeared to be at my entering upon the duties of office last spring.

Possibly the construction of the sewer may have had something to do with producing this state of affairs, but it is not altogether easy to see the connection in many instances. However, with all the ability at my command, I have labored during the year to expend the liberal grant of money in such a way as to produce the best results, and place our streets in a safe, substantial, and creditable condition. How well I have succeeded the citizens must judge.

Among the more considerable repairs I may mention the following : I have caused South Main street, from Central street to the Arcade lot, to be entirely rebuilt of broken stone ; the same street, from the Arcade lot to the Poor Farm, I have repaired thoroughly with gravel.

A bad piece of roadway on Eliot street, not far southwest of the junction of South street, I have built solid, and no trouble need be feared from that for a long time. I have repaired Woodland street to a considerable extent.

Considerable attention has been devoted to Glen street and Pleasant street, South Natick, and both are now in a very fair condition. Union street and Eliot street have also been touched

in spots. A long strip of the road in Natick between Wayland and Weston has been repaired, and North Main street has not been neglected. Shattuck street has been put in good condition and the same may be said of Everett street.

East and West Central streets seem to require a good deal of shaping and rounding up, and I can now say that that thoroughfare is in very fair condition from the Wellesley line to the South Framingham line except a short strip at the Willows, and another west of Mill street, Curve and Elm streets, which I found almost useless by means of the sewer construction, I have put in solid form, and here and there on other streets I have remedied defects arising from the same and similar causes.

I have built a strong, retaining wall near the Sweeney place, Felchville, and also have repaired numerous culverts and bridges throughout the town, including replanking of the bridge over the railroad on Mill street. Willow street was duly attended to as voted, and is now in first-class order. I have constructed a sidewalk of considerable extent on Cottage street from the scrapings of the streets. As will be seen, operations in this department have been on an extensive scale the past year. Much more could have been done were it not for the large sum, \$1,608.04, taken from my appropriation to meet an overdraw (additional) of my predecessor.

As will be seen in the selectmen's report, Pitts street has been finally placed in favorable condition. The money expended on that and in the construction of Walnut street drain is entirely aside from the highway grant.

I am still inclined to favor the use of broken stone as much as possible in the construction of streets. The expense of operating the crusher is great, to be sure, but with judicious oversight it is believed that the results will be much more preferable to those obtained from the exclusive use of gravel.

If we had a portable crusher the advantages would be far more noticeable. I also believe that it is wise economy to build our culverts large and durable, as has been done the past year.

The following shows in summary form the expenditure in Street Department:

Expended by Walter Burke	\$11,199 89
Overdraw (R. A. Clink)	1,608 04
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	\$12,807 93

Overdraw, \$307.93. This sum is partially balanced by the sums due, and not yet paid to the Street Department as follows:

Natick & Cochituate St. R. R. Co., use of crusher	\$41 30
French Bros., gravel	10 00
Milton E. Hall, manure	30 00
Martin Kennedy, street scraping	8 25
James Murray, street scraping	1 25
B. O. Hicks	1 40
A. Roberts	1 00
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	\$93 20

The following persons are to be credited with the sums set against their names for money paid to this department for material:

W. C. Lyford,	\$35 00
C. E. Moody	2 50
Mrs. Howard	5 00
O. J. Washburn	2 50
D. H. L. Gleason	2 50
Edward McManus	5 00
C. W. Johnson	3 00
D. D. Sheehan	30 00
Loker Bros.	11 54
A. Leland	4 00
C. W. Taylor	50
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	\$101 54

WALTER BURKE,
Highway Surveyor.

EXPENDITURES.

L. A. Drake	\$32 00
R. Sproule	32 00
L. Yeager	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Jerry Sughrue	.	.	.	.	.	4 33
John Morris	.	.	.	.	.	1 10
Charles Sweeney	.	.	.	.	.	1 10
James Fair	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Michael J. Manning	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	38 72

 \$145 25

Week Ending April 8, 1897.

L. A. Drake	.	.	.	.	.	\$14 00
John Williams	.	.	.	.	.	14 00
R. Sproule	.	.	.	.	.	14 00
L. Yeager	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
John Morris	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
William Oakes	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
John Rourke	.	.	.	.	.	12 88
Luke Shannon	.	.	.	.	.	10 88
Patrick McGrath	.	.	.	.	.	10 88
Chas. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	.	10 88
W. A. Bird	.	.	.	.	.	39 00
James Fair	.	.	.	.	.	12 88
John O'Brien	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Michael Desmond	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Henry Ritter	.	.	.	.	.	8 88
Patrick Mullen	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Wm. Ford	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Cornelius McCarty	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
James Hogan	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
William Kane	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Patrick Finn	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Thos. Everett	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
John Kelliher	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Michael O'Toole	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Benj. Thomas	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
George Merrill	.	.	.	.	.	6 00

John Yarwood	.	.	.	.	.	\$8 00
John Yeager	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Thos. Nyland	.	.	.	.	.	4 88
Thos. Barlow	.	.	.	.	.	4 88
Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	17 31

\$295 35

Week Ending April 15, 1897.

L. A. Drake	.	.	.	.	.	\$16 00
R. Sproule	.	.	.	.	.	16 00
John Williams	.	.	.	.	.	16 00
L. Yeager	.	.	.	.	.	14 00
John Morris	.	.	.	.	.	14 00
William Oakes	.	.	.	.	.	14 00
John Rourke	.	.	.	.	.	8 88
Patrick McGrath	.	.	.	.	.	6 88
Luke Shannon	.	.	.	.	.	6 88
Chas. Sweeney	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
W. A. Bird	.	.	.	.	.	26 66
James Fair	.	.	.	.	.	8 88
John O'Brien	.	.	.	.	.	6 88
Patrick Mullen	.	.	.	.	.	6 88
James Hogan,	.	.	.	.	.	2 88
Thomas Everett	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
John Kelliher	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Benj. Thomas	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Thomas Nyland	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Thomas Barlow	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Michael Foye	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Daniel Sheehan	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
James Delaney	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Michael Sullivan	.	.	.	.	.	12 64
Jerry Sughrue	.	.	.	.	.	6 88
Edward Kenneally	.	.	.	.	.	2 88
Patrick Lucey	.	.	.	.	.	5 76
Mathew Brigham	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
Daniel Leary	.	.	.	.	.	3 76
John Keating	.	.	.	.	.	2 00

John Roach	\$2 00
James O'Brien	2 00
Michael Kane	2 00
John Murphy	2 00
John Cunniff	2 00
George Merrill	6 00
Timothy Rafferty	6 00
James Mullaney	8 00
Walter Burke	17 31

\$308 55

Week Ending April, 22, 1897,

L. A. Drake,	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
L. Yeager	12 00
John Williams	14 00
John Morris	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	9 00
Charles Sweeney	7 00
James Fair	8 00
Patrick Mullen	2 00
Thomas Everett	7 00
John Kelliher	7 00
Edward Kenneally	2 55
Daniel Leary	9 00
John Keating	7 00
John Roach	6 55
James O'Brien	2 00
Michael Kane	6 55
John Murphy	5 00
John Cunniff	6 55
James Maloney	6 55
James Madden	2 00
Edward Murphy	6 55
James Hogan	6 55
Michael Sullivan	11 00
Patrick McGrath	11 00

Luke Shannon	\$11 00
Patrick Lucey	11 00
Jerry Sughrue	7 00
John O'Brien	11 00
Jerry Foley	8 55
M. Brigham	11 25
W. A. Bird	21 00
Michael Orman	6 00
Luke Linnehan	3 00
Laureance Kyte	1 50
Thomas Barlow	9 00
Thomas Nyland	9 00
Michael Foye	8 00
James Mullaney	4 00
James Delaney	1 00
Timothy Rafferty	5 00
Daniel Sheehan	5 00
Martin Collins	2 00
Patrick Cooney	2 00
Walter Burke	17 31
Expense with committee on stone crusher	5 00
Repairs on stone crusher	5 21

\$370 67

Week Ending April 29, 1897,

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
John Williams	14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	12 00
James Fair	12 00
Patrick McGrath	12 00
Patrick Lucey	12 00
Luke Shannon	12 00
Jerry Sughrue	12 00
John O'Brien	12 00

Michael Sullivan	\$12 00
Michael Flatley	13 76
Thomas Daniher	9 76
Martin Collins	9 76
James Casey	9 76
Patrick Cooney	9 76
Thomas Everett	7 76
Michael Barnicle	9 76
James Hickey	9 76
Jerry Foley	14 64
John Kelliher	4 00
Frank McGee	4 00
Charles Sweeney	4 00
W. A. Bird	30 00
Anthony Kenney	11 76
John Madden	5 76
William Doyle	7 76
Nels Johnson	2 00
Benj. Thomas	2 00
John Costello	5 76
John Fay	5 76
William Rankin	5 76
Michael Foye	12 00
Thomas Nyland	12 00
Thomas Barlow	12 00
Mathew Brigham	7 50
Walter Burke	17 31

\$418 09

Week Ending May 6, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
J. Williams	14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	10 88
Jerry Foley	6 88

Daniel Leary	\$10 88
Edward Barnicle	18 00
James Fair	10 00
Patrick M. Grath	11 10
Michael Sullivan	11 10
Patrick Lucey	11 10
John O'Brien	10 22
Luke Shannon,	11 10
Jerry Sughrue	4 00
John Fay	3 10
John Ahearn	7 10
Allen & Butler, blacksmiths	6 50
Michael Foye	12 00
Thomas Nyland	12 00
Thomas Barlow	12 00
James Delaney	8 00
Doon & Bowers, hay and grain	48 92
Union Lumber Co.	18 82
F. Deihl & Son	41 71
W. J. Burke, blacksmith	52 05
Carey & Burke, blacksmiths	18 91
Patrick Hickey	2 00
Walter Burke	17 31

\$453 68

Week Ending May 13, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
Wm. Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	8 88
Daniel Leary	20 00
James Fair	8 00
Jerry Foley	8 00
Patrick McGrath	8 00
Michael Sullivan	8 00

Luke Shannon	.	.	.	.	.	\$8 00
John O'Brien	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
John Ahearn	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Patrick Lucey	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Wm. Doyle	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Thomas Barlow	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Thomas Nyland	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Michael Foye	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
James Delaney	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Charles T. Brooks	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Fiske & Co., merchandise	.	.	.	.	.	74 10
Mathew Brigham	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
James B. Sweeney, repairs	.	.	.	.	.	2 80
Edward Barnicle	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Walter Burke	.	.	.	.	.	17 31

 \$315 84

Week Ending May 20, 1897.

L. A. Drake	.	.	.	.	.	\$14 00
R. Sproule	.	.	.	.	.	14 00
John Williams	.	.	.	.	.	14 00
J. Morris	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
L. Yeager	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Wm. Oakes	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
John Rourke	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Daniel Leary	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
James Fair	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Edward Barnicle	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Jerry Foley	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Patrick McGrath	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
M. Sullivan	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Luke Shannon	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
John O'Brien	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
John Ahearn	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Patrick Lucey	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Mathew Brigham	.	.	.	.	.	6 25
Thomas Barlow	.	.	.	.	.	6 66
Thomas Nyland	.	.	.	.	.	6 66

Michael Foye	\$56 66
Chas. Holland	12 00
Patrick Sweeney	9 00
Anthony Kenney	12 00
John Craig	8 00
Mathew Riley	6 00
Timothy Rafferty	6 00
Timothy Sullivan	6 00
Doon & Bowers	42 83
Fiske & Co., merchandise	2 25
Walter Burke	17 31

\$325 62

Week Ending May 27, 1897.

L. A. Drake	14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
Wm. Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	12 00
James Fair	10 00
Patrick McGrath	14 00
Michael Sullivan	14 00
John O'Brien	4 00
John Ahearn	12 00
Patrick Lucey	14 00
Chas. Holland	8 00
Anthony Kenney	12 00
John Craig	10 00
Timothy Sullivan	12 00
Mathew Riley	12 00
Timothy Rafferty	10 00
Mathew Brigham	10 00
Michael Foye	4 00
P. H. Costello	4 00
Patrick Walsh	6 00
Robert Turner, jobbing	3 00

Belt for crusher	\$26 14
Expressing and expense on crusher	4 07
Walter Burke	17 31

\$296 52

Week Ending June 3, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
Wm. Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	10 00
James Fair	7 00
Patrick McGrath	10 22
Michael Sullivan	10 22
John Ahearn	10 22
Patrick Lucey	10 22
Anthony Kenney	6 00
John Craig	10 00
Michael Foye	10 22
P. H. Costello	7 00
Thos. Everett	8 00
Mathew Brigham	8 75
Charles Sweeney	5 00
Timothy Rafferty	10 00
Timothy Sullivan	10 00
Patrick Walsh	10 00
Mathew Riley	2 00
Allen & Butler, blacksmiths	10 33
Union Lumber Co.	45 27
Doon & Bowers, grain	47 72
James Donovan	4 00
Walter Burke	17 31

\$347 48

Week Ending June 10, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00

J. Williams	\$14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	7 32
John Ahearn	3 76
John Craig	7 32
Michael Sullivan	7 76
Patrick McGrath	7 76
Patrick Lucey	7 76
Michael Foye	7 76
Charles Sweeney	3 76
Harry Allen	10 75
William Ford	5 76
Thomas Everett	8 00
Mathew Brigham	7 50
John Kelliher	6 07
James Donovan	8 22
Timothy Rafferty	7 32
Timothy Sullivan	7 32
Patrick Walsh	7 32
Mathew Riley	2 00
Thomas Barlow	4 00
James Howard	2 00
Thomas Nyland	2 00
W. D. Parlin, merchandise	18 30
Walter Burke	17 31

\$245 07

Week Ending June 17, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	10 00
John Craig	10 00

Michael Sullivan	\$10 00
Patrick McGrath	10 00
Patrick Lucey	10 00
Michael Foye	10 00
Charles Sweeney	10 00
Harry Allen	10 00
Thomas Everett	10 00
James Donovan	10 00
James Fair	14 00
John Napen	6 00
John Fair	4 00
John Kelliher	6 00
James Howard	10 00
Thomas Nyland	10 00
Expressing for crusher	2 94
Dynamite	10 00
Walter Burke	17 31

\$258 25

Week Ending June 24, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	12 00
John Craig	12 00
Michael Sullivan	12 00
Patrick McGrath	4 00
Patrick Lucey,	12 00
Michael Foye	12 00
Harry Allen	12 00
Thomas Everett	7 00
James Donovan	12 00
James Fair	12 00
John Kelliher	9 76
John Napen	4 00

John Fair	\$10 00
Thomas Barlow	22 00
Charles Sweeney	1 00
Dennis Houlihan	8 00
Thomas Nyland	10 00
James Howard	10 00
Patrick Murphy	6 00
Expressing	1 00
Walter Burke	17 31

\$284 07

Week Ending July 1, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	10 88
Michael Sullivan	10 88
Patrick Lucey	10 88
James Donovan	10 88
Dennis Houlihan	10 88
Harry Allen	12 37
James Fair	10 88
John Kelleher	10 88
Michael Foye	8 88
Thomas Everett	2 00
Patrick Sweeney	4 75
George Merrill	8 00
Cornelius McCarthy	7 76
Chas. Sweeney	4 00
Charles Colson	4 00
Mathew Brigham	10 00
Thomas Nyland	10 88
Patrick Murphy	10 88
Jerry Foley	6 88
John Craig	12 00

Thomas Barlow	\$2 00
James Howard	2 00
Burke & Dolan, supplies	4 50
Hiram J. Brown	95 00
Burke & Carey, blacksmiths	16 50
R. T. Brown, blacksmith	44 59
Walter Burke	17 31
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\$438 46

Week Ending July 8, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
Wm. Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	4 00
James Fair	10 00
Michael Sullivan	10 00
Michael Foye	10 00
Dennis Houlihan	10 00
Michael Sweeney	10 00
Charles Sweeney	10 00
Cornelius McCarty	10 00
Charles Colson	10 00
John Kelleher	9 32
Patrick Lucey	10 00
Harry Allen	11 25
Mathew Brigham	15 00
Jerry Foley	8 00
James Donovan	8 22
Patrick Murphy	6 00
Thomas Nyland	10 00
Luke Linnehan, carpenter	3 00
John Craig	10 00
F. Diehl & Son, hay and grain	62 34
Fiske & Co., merchandise,	11 37
Robert Turner, jobbing	3 75

W. J. Burke, blacksmith	\$19 15
Walter Burke	17 31

\$366 71

Week Ending July 15, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
James Fair	5 54
Michael Sullivan	10 44
Michael Foye	6 66
Michael Sweeney	4 00
Cornelius McCarty	8 44
Charles Sweeney	4 00
Charles Colson	9 10
John Kelliher	2 00
Patrick Lucey	10 00
Harry Allen	9 60
Mathew Brigham	15 00
Jerry Foley	9 22
John Craig	10 66
James Donovan	9 54
Patrick Murphy	9 76
Thomas Nyland	10 00
Charles O'Brien	4 88
Peter Garvey, building culvert	28 00
Allen & Butler, blacksmiths	21 68
M. Haines, hay	46 54
William Simmons, repairs	4 10
Walter Burke	17 31

\$334 57

Week Ending July 22, 1897,

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00

J. Williams	\$14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	11 10
Patrick Lucey	11 10
James Donovan	11 10
Charles Colson	11 10
Cornelius McCarty	11 10
Charles O'Brien	10 88
Michael Foye	10 44
Dennis Houlihan	21 00
Elevator for crusher	287 00
John Murphy	10 88
Mathew Brigham	15 00
John Craig	10 88
Jerry Foley	10 66
Harry Allen	13 25
Patrick Murphy	11 10
Thomas Nyland	11 10
Peter Garvey, laying stones	9 00
George Merrill	2 00
D. J. Ferguson, moving crusher	11 00
Doon & Bowers, grain	48 28
P. F. Doherty, supplies	4 98
John Robinson, surgeon	2 00
W. D. Parlin, supplies	9 56
Walter Burke	17 31

\$649 92

Week Ending July 29 1897.

L. A Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	9 76

Patrick Lucey	\$9 76
James Donovan	9 76
Charles Colson	9 76
Cornelius McCarty	9 76
Charles O'Brien	9 76
Michael Foye	5 10
Dennis Houlihan	9 76
John Murphy	9 76
Mathew Brigham ,	12 75
John Craig	10 66
Jerry Foley	9 76
Harry Allen	11 00
Patrick Murphy	9 76
Thomas Nyland	9 76
Jerry Sughrue	4 88
John Flynn	6 00
William Rankin	4 00
Walter Burke	17 31
Screen for crusher	219 25

\$476 31

Week Ending August 5, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	10 00
Patrick Lucey	9 10
James Donovan	9 10
Dennis Houlihan	7 10
Cornelius McCarthy	5 10
Charles Colson	5 10
Charles O'Brien	3 10
John Murphy	5 10
Mathew Brigham	7 00
John Craig	10 22

Jerry Foley	\$3 10
Harry Allen	5 75
Patrick Murphy	5 10
Thomas Nyland	5 10
Jerry Sughrue	3 10
John Flynn	11 10
William Rankin	2 00
Michael Scannell	7 10
Patrick Beaty	5 10
J. D. Macewen, storing roller and repairs	69 64
Mary A. Phelps, gravel	18 50
George Longhurst, stone	15 00
Walter Burke	17 31

\$316 82

Week Ending August 12, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	12 00
James Donovan	12 00
John Craig	12 00
John Flynn	5 10
Michael Scannell	11 54
Patrick Beaty	10 66
Mathew Brigham	2 50
John Kelliher	3 10
Martin Neary	7 32
Timothy Sullivan	13 00
Allen & Butler, blacksmiths	6 42
Walter Burke	17 31

\$190 95

Week Ending August 19, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00

J. Williams	\$14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	10 88
James Donovan	10 88
Michael Scannell	9 10
Martin Narey	7 10
Patrick Beaty	10 00
John Craig	10 88
Mathew Brigham	7 50
Charles T. Brooks, watering streets .	5 00
Walter Burke	17 31

 \$166_65

Week Ending Aug. 26, 1897,

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Williams	14 00
John Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	10 88
James Donovan	10 88
Michael Scannell	10 00
Patrick Beaty	9 10
John Craig	10 00
Mathew Brigham	6 25
James Lillis, work on culverts . .	38 00
Warren A. Bird, coal and wood . .	94 16
Walter Burke	17 31

 \$284 58

Week Ending Sept. 2, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00

William Oakes	\$12 00
Michael Sullivan	10 00
Cornelius Donovan	3 00
Patrick Beaty	3 00
Michael Scannel	9 00
John Craig	10 44
Patrick Morris	4 00
Jerry O'Brien	6 00
W. D. Parlln, merchandise	10 25
Fiske & Co., merchandise	10 99
Allen & Butler, blacksmiths	8 00
Doon & Bowers, grain and straw	60 90
W. J. Burke, blacksmith	20 25
J. W. Robinson, veterinary	14 00
Walter Burke	17 31

\$265 24

Week Ending Sept, 9, 1897,

L. A. Drake,	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Williams	14 00
John Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	11 32
Michael Scannell	10 00
John Craig	10 88
Charles O'Brien	10 00
James Brennan	10 00
John Rourke	10 00
Charles Sweeney	2 00
Burke & Dolan (supplies)	3 45
Walter Burke	17 31

\$162 96

Week Ending Sept. 16, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Williams	14 00

John Morris	\$12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
M. Sullivan	11 54
John Craig	11 54
John Rourke	11 54
Michael Scannell	4 66
Chas. Sweeney	4 00
Chas. O'Brien	4 00
James Brennan	4 86
John Grady	6 00
Anthony Kenney	6 00
E. A. Baird (gravel)	13 40
F. Diehl & Son (hay and grain)	37 39
Walter Burke	17 31

\$210 24

Week Ending Sept. 23, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	12 00
John Craig	12 00
John Rourke	12 00
John Grady	11 54
Anthony Kenney	12 00
Chas. O'Brien	5 00
Jerry Marston	2 00
Williams Simmons (repairs)	1 35
P. H. Buckley, jobbing	50
George Smith, repairing boiler	3 00
Edgar Loker, gravel	17 90
Fiske & Co., merchandise	6 67
Walter Burke	17 31

\$191 27

Week Ending Sept. 30, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
Wm. Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	8 00
John Rourke	8 00
Anthony Kenney	8 00
Charles O'Brien	8 00
John Grady	8 00
Mrs. Donovan, 569 double loads of stone at 15 cents, and 210 single loads at 10 cents	106 35
Walter Burke	17 31

\$249 66**Week Ending Oct. 7, 1897.**

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Williams	14 00
John Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	12 00
John Rourke	12 00
John Craig	12 00
Anthony Kenney	12 00
Charles O'Brien	12 00
Michael Foye	12 00
Thomas Barlow	8 00
Doon & Bowers, hay and grain	223 48
Walter Burke	17 31

\$398 79**Week Ending October 14, 1897.**

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00

J. Williams	\$14 00
John Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
John Rourke	10 22
Michael Sullivan	12 00
Charles O'Brien	2 00
John Craig	11 00
Thomas Barlow	12 00
John Sullivan	10 22
Thomas Everett	7 65
John Fay	2 00
Mathew Brigham	2 50
W. S. Daniels, jobbing	1 60
Burke & Dolan, supplies	3 50
Carey & Burke, blacksmiths	7 60
Allen & Butler	3 30
Walter Burke	17 31

\$180 90

Week Ending Oct. 21, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Williams	14 00
John Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	11 00
John Rourke	10 00
Chas. O'Brien	2 00
John Craig	11 00
Thomas Barlow	10 00
John Sullivan	11 00
Fred McCordick	7 00
Bruce Bolan	7 00
Walter Burke	17 31

\$164 31

Week Ending Oct. 28, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Williams	14 00
John Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	12 00
John Craig	12 00
John Rourke	4 00
Fred McCordick	4 00
Bruce Bolan	8 00
Thomas Barlow	8 00
John Sullivan	12 00
Jerry Marston, gravel	9 50
Nitingale & Childs, work on crusher	56 51
Fiske & Co. merchandise	15 69
C. W. Messenger, veterinary	10 00
J. B. Sweeney, repair of harness	5 30
Walter Burke	17 31

 \$252 31
Week Ending Nov. 4, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams,	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	10 00
John Craig	10 00
John Sullivan	10 00
Henry E. Lincoln, gravel	53 90
Allen & Butler, blacksmiths	12 00
William Simmons, repairs	6 00
John Robinson, veterinary	14 00
Doon & Bowers, grain	26 55
Walter Burke	17 31

 \$237 76

Week Ending Nov. 11, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
J. Morris	12 00
L. Yeager	12 00
William Oakes	12 00
Michael Sullivan	10 00
John Sullivan	10 00
John Craig	10 00
William Ford	7 65
John Rourke	2 00
F. Diehl & Son, hay and grain . . .	37 03
Walter Burke	17 31

 \$171 99
Week Ending Nov. 18, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$6 00
R. Sproule	8 00
J. Williams	6 00
John Morris	8 00
L. Yeager	4 00
William Oakes	6 00
William Ford	7 75
John Craig	2 00
Michael Sullivan	2 00
John Sullivan	2 00
Patrick Lucey	2 00
Dennis Houlihan	2 00
Walter J. Burke, Jr.	4 00
James Ahern	1 00
George Merrill	1 10
James Hart	2 00
Burke & Dolan, supplies	2 70
Sewer department, pipe	18 80
Walter Burke	17 31

 \$102 66

Week Ending Nov. 25, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$5 00
R. Sproule	4 00
John Williams	5 00
John Morris	4 00
William Oakes	2 00
L. Yeager	3 00
William Ford	2 00
Charles Sweeney	1 00
Dennis Devoy	1 00
George Merrill	1 00
Michael Sullivan	1 00
James Lillis, labor	61 32
F. Diehl & Son, hay and grain	35 45

 \$125 77
Week Ending Dec. 2, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$4 00
John Williams	4 00
R. Sproule	6 00
John Morris	4 00
William Ford	2 00
James Donovan	4 00
George Merrill	1 32
Thomas Donahue	50
William Oakes	2 00
W. J. Burke, blacksmith	24 95
R. W. Kennedy, gravel and stone	4 70
Allen & Butler, blacksmith	7 70

 \$65 17
Week Ending Dec. 9, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$5 00
John Williams	5 00
R. Sproule	8 00
L. Yeager	4 00
William Oakes	6 00

John Morris	\$6 00
John Murphy	2 00
Michael Sullivan	1 00
Charles Sweeney	1 00
Patrick Garvey	5 00
Patrick Morris	4 00
Fred McCordick	88
Patrick Burke	88
Doon & Bowers, grain and straw . .	44 85
Fiske & Co, merchandise	5 19
W. D. Parlin, merchandise	5 58
John B. Moyse, repairs	79 60
Walter Burke	17 31

\$201 29

Week Ending Dec. 16, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
John Williams	14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
John Morris	9 00
L. Yeager	9 00
William Oakes	7 00
Michael Sullivan	9 00
John Craig	9 00
Patrick Burke	6 22
John Murphy	4 00
William Ford	3 00
Carey & Burke, blacksmiths	14 50
F. Diehl & Son, hay and grain . . .	15 25
Walter Burke	17 31

\$145 28

Week Ending Dec. 23, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
William Oakes	11 00
J. Morris	12 00

L. Yeager	\$12 00
John Craig	12 00
Michael Sullivan	12 00
John Yeager	4 00
Patrick Morris	4 66
Patrick Garvey	4 66
Patrick A. Burke	88
Charles Sweeney	88
Walter Burke	17 31

 \$133 39

Week Ending Dec. 30, 1897.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
William Oakes	8 00
J. Morris	2 00
L. Yeager	5 00
Michael Sullivan	2 00
Nels Johnson	1 54
John Roach	4 00
John Murphy	66
James Donovan, stone	8 30
James E. Cooper, supplies	2 27
Frank McMahan, jobbing	25
Ryan & Lackey, board for horses	3 00
E. M. Wood, gravel	11 90
Isaac Damon, gravel	5 20
Walter Burke	17 31

 \$113 43

Week Ending Jan. 6, 1898.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
L. Yeager	7 00
J. Morris	3 00
Michael Sullivan	6 00

James Donovan	\$2 00
Chas. Sweeney	1 00
Mathew Brigham, care of roller . . .	17 50
Allen & Butler, blacksmiths	7 00
C. & G. Underwood, lime	50
John Robinson, veterinary	2 00
J. D. Macewen, repairing roller and carts	18 00
Doon & Bowers, hay and grain . . .	70 33
Sewer department, pipe	3 12
Walter Burke	17 31

\$196 76

Week Ending Jan 13, 1898.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
Wm. Oakes	10 29
L. Yeager	6 00
J. Morris	2 00
Michael Sullivan	7 08
John Yeager	1 66
Walter Burke	17 31

\$86 34

Week Ending Jan. 20, 1898.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00
L. Yeager	3 00
R. T. Brown, blacksmith	96 58
Walter Burke	17 31

\$158 89

Week Ending Jan. 27, 1898.

L. A. Drake	\$14 00
R. Sproule	14 00
J. Williams	14 00

L. Yeager	\$7 00
J. Morris	3 00
Henry Rieter	5 00
Thos. Daniher	1 00
Chas. Sweeney	2 00
Wm. Oakes	8 88
Patrick A. Burke	2 00
Peter Morris	1 00
Patrick Garvey	1 00
Michael Morris	1 00
Luke Shannon	88
Michael Barnicle	1 00
Walter Burke	17 31
Michael Sullivan	3 00

\$96 07

Total money expended \$11,199 89

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid for outside poor having settle- ment in Natick		\$3,693 28
Paid for outside poor having settle- ment elsewhere		1,557 05
Total, (not including insane.)		\$5,250 33
Received from other cities and towns .	\$840 47	
Received from State	108 17	
Received for support, H. W. Dean . .	104 96	
Received from other sources	5 00	
Due from other cities and towns . .	1,247 31	
Due from State	533 80	2,839 71
Net cost of outside poor		\$2,410 62
Paid for insane		\$3,633 58
Received from guardian, S. A. Coolidge .	\$115 00	
Received from guardian, Catherine Hannifin	146 00	
Received from other sources	188 50	
Due from other sources	133 26	582 76
Net cost of insane		\$3,050 82
Paid account inside poor		\$4,721 86
Less amount appropriated for furnishing	\$400 00	
Less cash paid by warden to town treasurer for produce sold from farm, and wood delivered	699 26	
Due from Soldiers Aid	75 00	

Due account Miss Wood	\$38 40	
Cost of fire escapes	212 00	
Cost of making basement fire proof	168 61	1,593 27
Net Cost of Inside Poor		\$3,128 59

Recapitulation.

Gross amount paid for poor in all departments, 1896	\$14,080 40
Gross amount paid for poor in all departments, 1897	13,605 77
Decrease in 1897	\$474 63
Net cost of outside poor of Natick	\$2,410 62
Net cost of inside poor of Natick	3,128 59
Net cost of insane of Natick	3,050 82
Total of Natick	\$8,590 03
Amount paid for poor having settlement elsewhere	\$1,557 05
Total	\$10,147 08
Appropriation	9,000 00
Overdrawn,	\$1,147 08
Overdrawn in 1896	2,021 74
Saving in favor of the year 1897	\$874 66
Total number of persons registered at Almshouse during the year	42
Present number	25
Number of week's board	1160+
Average age of inmates	62½ yrs.

Names of Persons who are, or Have Been Inmates of the Alms-House During the Year.

		Age.
Abbott Perry (2 times)	32 weeks 1 day	40 years
Peter Kennedy	52 "	56 "
James Bradley	52 "	64 "

			Age.
Michael Mahoney	52 weeks		74 years
Patrick Campbell	52 "		62 "
Thos. Ahern (died Sept. 15) . .	32 "	2 days	35 "
Bertie Northrop (2 times) . .	9 "	3 "	7 "
William Hurley	52 "		76 "
Peter Moran (3 times)	41 "		60 "
Michael Laughlin	52 "		58 "
Patrick Fahey	52 "		64 "
John McKenney (died Sept. 11)	31 "	5 days	77 "
Patrick Ahern	13 "	1 "	32 "
James Gilbert	52 "		59 "
Charles Braceland	52 "		66 "
Ernest Monroe (3 times) . . .	23 "	3 days	35 "
David Byers (3 times)	20 "	4 "	60 "
Lizzie Bradley	52 "		29 "
Mary White	52 "		60 "
Mrs. Bartz	52 "		89 "
Mrs. Winnefred Hoey. . . .	6 "	2 days	75 "
Margaret Riley	47 "	6 "	87 "
Catherine Gray	52 "		91 "
Emily S. Howe	45 "	6 days	68 "
Millard Perry	20 "	3 "	45 "
Patrick Sullivan		4 "	64 "
Emily Williams		6 "	4 "
Ellen Sughrue	38 weeks		88 "
Edward Kennard	17 "	5 days	53 "
Michael Brady	40 "	1 "	75 "
Patrick M. Brady	1 "	4 "	40 "
Henry Northrop. . . .	17 "		9 "
George H. Williams	3 "	2 "	42 "
Charles Withee	5 "	2 "	18 "
Mellen A. Caldwell	12 "	4 "	52 "
Frank Regan		3 "	13 "
Mrs. Bridget McDonald	9 weeks	4 "	60 "
John Gannon	1 "	4 "	52 "
John J. Kane	2 "	3 "	34 "

		Age.
Johanna Kane	4 weeks 1 day	37 years
Nellie Kane	4 " 1 "	5 "
John Braese	1 "	45 "

Insane.

Names of persons having a settlement in Natick, who have been supported during the year ending December 31, 1897, at Worcester Lunatic Asylum, Westboro Insane Asylum, Medfield Insane Asylum, State Almshouse, and elsewhere:

NAME.	COST.
Stephen J. Beatty	\$146 00
Peter Peredeau	146 00
Anthony McGann	146 00
Bridget Coveney	146 00
Payson Perry	65 05
M. W. Perry	11 32
Mary A. Dolan	72 40
Mary C. Houghton	146 00
Catherine Hannifin	146 00
Richard F. Gregg	146 00
Frank C. Bates	146 00
William Connelly	146 00
Fred W. Crowley	146 00
Lavander A. Smith	169 46
Lizzie A. Garfield	169 46
Sarah E. Bowker (dead)	29 76
Mary O'Brien	169 46
Mary Parmenter	104 00
Caroline M. Newton	62 67
Elvira Travis	6 50
Annie Burke	169 45
Calvin P. Sanger	158 72
Mary Maher	103 20
Patrick Foley	20 86
Mary E. Morse	91 47
Thomas Glennon	21 36

NAME.	COST.
John H. Sullivan	\$169 46
Sarah A. Coolidge	169 47
Clara E. Nute	87 75
Others whose board is paid to town	321 76
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	\$3,633 58

**Persons Settled in Natick Who Have Been Aided Here During
the Year.**

NAME.	AMOUNT.
Mrs. Ellen Cooper	\$145 87
George Kendall	112 03
Mrs. William Hillier	192 68
Mrs. D. F. Murphy	172 16
Mrs. B. McNichols	73 11
Mrs. William Dowling	30 00
Mrs. T. W. Murphy	102 90
Mrs. H. T. Hildreth	66 25
James Healey	15 00
Mrs. J. Nutter	45
Mrs. W. H. Ryan	64 48
Patrick Hickey	92 00
Heinlein Child	72 00
Mrs. S. Coose	31 00
Mrs. M. W. Perry	10 00
Mrs. J. Danehy	25 00
Mrs. E. S. Howe	4 69
Herman Guswinder	32 00
Mrs. James Shea	127 00
Mrs. Joseph Gildea	165 39
Ellen Naphin	45 86
John Town	93 02
Mrs. M. J. Meade	57 00
Mrs. Betsy Maher	44 00
Soldiers' Aid	27 60
Isaac Perry	72 45
Bridget McDonald	7 50

NAME.	AMOUNT.
Mrs. F. Bisch	\$158 84
Mrs. M. Casey	55 00
M. W. Perry	1 50
William Doyle	8 82
Mrs. E. M. Davis	78 47
Mrs. Sarah White	65 32
Otis Perry	32 35
Mrs. Henry Parker	10 00
Mrs. John Madden	27 55
Mrs. Henry Corson	27 00
Henry Hughes	54 00
Mrs. C. H. Taylor	126 39
Luther W. Parker	18 00
Winnifred Hoey	6 00
Charles Tibbert	6 50
Henry Northrop	31 65
Bertie Northrop	73 00
Mrs. J. O'Brien	67 89
James Fair	5 05
Cobb child	77 00
Gay children	10 70
Helen Gray	18 00
Michael Dorman	57 50
George H. Williams	2 35
Mrs. R. Swain	2 00
Mrs. J. Mahoney	4 00
Aid given, but refunded to town	14 00
Miscellaneous expenses	163 17

**Names of Persons Having a Settlement in Natick, but Living
and Aided in other Cities and Towns.**

Douglas Greenslade, Boston	\$21 00
R. W. Donovan,	13 00
James McDonald, Waltham	10 00
Mrs. Clara Shattuck, Shirley	65 00
Mrs. Ella Witherell, Lowell	45 00
Chauncy Smith, Gardner	6 00

Charles M. Emery, Milford	\$42 20
Mrs. O. E. Mann, Milford	183 60
Frank H. Brown, Scituate	14 00
Mary Moran, Boston	36 00
Henry W. Dean, Wayland	86 38
Mrs. J. A. L. Towne, Wayland	2 25
Hattie Loker	61 86

**Names of Persons Aided in Natick, But Settled in Other Cities
and Towns.**

Annie Hammond, Gloucester	\$110 00
Isaac Whittemore, Hubbardstown	81 04
John J. Wakefield, Northboro	4 00
T. Haggerty, Wakefield	172 08
Mrs. Charles Hatch, East Bridgewater	5 00
George O'Donnell, Milford	114 45
Mrs. W. A. Nichols, North Reading	27 00
Mrs. Bessie Seaver, Boston	28 40
Joseph Robinson, Framingham	197 45
Mrs. M. E. Welch, Framingham	32 40
F. W. Young's child, Framingham	24 45
Mrs. Catherine O'Brien, State	11 35
William Ernst, State	53 50
Charles R. Caldwell	15 00
Unknown, two, State	30 00
Kate Polmer, State	5 40
John McCarron, State	6 87
Alfred Hyde, Newton	35 91
Fred Damon, Holliston	29 55
Mrs. S. J. Gould, Beverly	98 00
Mrs. M. McName, Sandwich	82 50
E. Knowlton, Hopkinton	17 65
J. L. Knowlton, Hopkinton	35 38
John Kane, Milford	9 00
Mrs. Charles Gaines, Medway	221 58
G. W. Norcross, Watertown	46 80
Herman Moore	62 29

FUNDS.

Sally Spaulding Fund	\$972 48
J. B. Walcott Fund, 40 shares C., B. & Q. R. R. stock—market value March 1, 1898	4,003 75
Interest deposited in Natick Five Cent Savings Bank	1,156 78

Remarks.

There has been many more calls for outside aid than for many years. These cases have all been strictly investigated, and all the old applications have been carefully reviewed and adjusted, and aid granted only where found worthy and necessary.

The poor department is not maintained for the purpose of pensioning certain persons, but for the alleviation and prevention, as far as possible, of distress and suffering; and, although there has been a great saving to the town over previous years, no one who has applied has suffered for the necessities of life.

At the almshouse 42 persons have been registered, 8 more than during the preceeding year. At present there are 25 there, an increase of 3 over last year.

The farm, under the management of Mr. Pearse, is in excellent condition, and is becoming more productive each year. Inside the house, Mrs. Pearse's faithful attention and work is manifest, and the inmates are well cared for.

By order of the inspector of public buildings two fire escapes were erected, one on each end of the building, and the basement and stairways made as nearly fire proof as possible, at at expense of \$480.61, which we have charged off from the running expenses of the farm.

Other expenses for the repairs and changes of the old house, and for caring for the sewerage, to the amount of \$300, have been included in the running expenses. Necessary repairs have been made on the barn, and contrary to our expectations of last year, no special appropriation will be asked for this year.

MILTON E. SMITH,	} Overseers of Poor.
FRANCIS C. PERRY,	
JOSIAH A. BEAN,	

REPORT OF THE TOWN PHYSICIAN.

To the Overseers of the Poor:

I have the honor of presenting my tenth annual report for the year ending January 31, 1898.

Number of calls made at the houses of the poor	, .	473
Calls at my office	, .	116
Calls at the almshouse		49

The increased number of visits is largely due to the epidemic of scarlet fever which prevailed the first part of the winter, and a considerable number of chronic diseases which had been running through most of the year. In view of this record, it can hardly be said that we have had a healthy season, and yet there has been but four deaths during the year—three of consumption and one of paralysis, two of which occurred at the almshouse.

The conditions in the new house contrast so widely with those we were forced to endure in the old one, that one can hardly realize as they enter, that it has been erected for the home of the unfortunate poor, as well as those whose social habits and environments too often bring upon them bitter realities.

Again, I wish to present my thanks for the many courtesies and favors received from your board.

WILLIAM RICHARDS, M. D.

Town Physician.

ASSESSORS REPORT FOR 1897.

Amount of town appropriation	\$111,505 08
Tax levied by the state	3,990 00
Tax levied by the county	5,399 49
Abolition of grade crossings	7,730 32
Non-resident bank tax	590 55
Overlays	1,057 22
October, November and December 15th assessments	607 89
	<hr/> \$130,880 55

VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

Real estate	\$4,748,350 00
Personal estate	950,000 00
	<hr/> \$5,698,350 00
Number of Polls (2885)	5,770 00
Tax on real estate	93,067 66
Tax on personal estate	18,029 45
Non-resident bank tax	590 55
Anticipated bank and corporation tax	4,500 00
Town received for liquor licenses	8,403 00
October, November and December 15th assessment	519 89
	<hr/> \$130,880 055
Tax rate \$19.60 per \$1000.	
Amount committed to Collector	\$117,977 55

DAVID FINN,
ROYAL ELLIS,
CHAS. E. RICE,

Assessors of Natick.

Approved,

M. E. MORRIS, Auditor.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1889.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1897 . . .	\$92 44	\$92 44
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CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$7 36	
Uncollected	85 08	
		\$92 44

1890.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1897 . . .	\$95 81	\$95 81
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CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$12 87	
Uncollected	82 94	
		\$95 81

1891.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1897 . . .	\$161 70	
Interest collected since March 1, 1897 .	1 58	
		\$163 28

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$11 26	
Uncollected	152 02	
		\$163 28

1892.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1897 . . .	\$955 18	
Interest collected since March 1, 1897 .	135 47	
		\$1,090 65

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer	.	\$617 65	
Uncollected	.	473 00	
		<hr/>	\$1,090 65

1893.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1897	.	\$988 44	
Interest collected since March 1, 1897	.	86 95	
		<hr/>	\$1,075 39

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer	.	\$397 41	
Uncollected	.	677 98	
		<hr/>	\$1,075 39

1894.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1897	.	\$2,752 15	
Interest collected since March 1, 1897	.	315 79	
		<hr/>	\$3,067 94

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer	.	1,841 10	
Uncollected	.	1,226 84	
		<hr/>	\$3,067 94

1895.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1897	.	\$15,870 49	
Interest collected since March 1, 1897	.	1,228 74	
		<hr/>	\$17,099 23

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer	.	\$14,626 02	
Uncollected	.	2,473 21	
		<hr/>	\$17,099 23

1896.

DR.

Uncollected March 1, 1897	.	\$36,875 40	
Interest collected since March 1, 1897	.	733 96	
		<hr/>	\$37,609 36

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer	\$21,997 75	
Uncollected	15,611 61	
	<hr/>	\$37,609 36

1897.

DR.

Committed for collection	\$117,977 55	
Interest collected	47 58	
	<hr/>	\$118,025 13

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer	\$76,820 04	
Uncollected	41,205 09	
	<hr/>	\$118,025 13
As a lien on real estate	\$48,278 88	
Personal	6,585 95	
Poll	7,122 94	
	<hr/>	\$61,987 77
Total amount uncollected Feb. 1, 1898	\$61,987 77	
Interest due Feb. 1, 1898	2,300 79	
Abatements, 1889, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94,		
'95, '96, '97	1,392 90	

C. P. CURRIER,

Collector.

Approved:

M. E. MORRIS,

Auditor.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

February 1, 1898.

Time Loans.

Trustees of L. Morse hospital \$2,500 payable annually	\$67,500 00
Martha Clark	2,500 00
Natick Savings Bank	36,000 00
Natick Savings Bank, East Central street loan, \$500, payable annually	2,000 00
Natick Savings Bank, Union street loan, \$2,000, payable annually	6,000 00
Natick Savings Bank, alms house loan, \$1,000, payable annually	4,000 00
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	\$118,000 00

Temporary Loans.

Trustees L. Morse hospital, anticipation of taxes	\$10,000 00
Sinking fund commissioners, anticipation of taxes	5,000 00
Blodgett, Merrett & Co., anticipation of taxes	10,000 00
Temporary loans to pay damages caused by separation of grade crossings, to be repaid by State	10,000 00

Cash used to pay bills belonging to other departments	4,458 53	
Natick National Bank, overdraw	1,028 70	
	<hr/>	\$40,487 23
		<hr/>
		\$158,487 23
Accrued interest on notes not due	\$1,455 00	
Accrued interest on water bonds not due	666 67	
Accrued, interest on sewer bonds, not due	908 00	
	<hr/>	3,029 67
		<hr/>
		\$161,516 90

RESOURCES..

February 1, 1898.

Martin Rice, land rent	\$ 200 00
State Aid, Chapter 301, 13 months	5,764 50
Military Aid, Chapter 279, 13 months	444 50
Tax deeds received from C. W. Gleason	1,330 57
Tax deeds received from C. P. Currier	1,395 68
Uncollected taxes in hands of C. P. Currier	61,978 77
Interest due on same	2,300 79
Due from abutters on concrete walks	996 14
Due from cities and towns, poor account	1,247 31
Due from State, poor account	533 80
Due from State, burial of soldiers	175 00

Due from State on account of damages caused by the separation of grade crossings

\$9,255 32

Cash on hand in office

\$85,631 38

30 34

\$85,661 72

Net indebtedness of town, exclusive of water and sewer bonds

\$75,855 18

WATER BONDS.

25 bonds due October 1, 1899	\$25,000 00
25 bonds due October 1, 1904	25,000 00
1 note due February 1, 1902	2,700 00
1 note due February 27, 1907	5,000 00
1 note due February 1, 1908	6,000 00

\$63,700 00

Less amount of sinking fund

13,252 49

\$50,447 51

SEWER BONDS.

50 bonds due July 1, 1915	\$50,000 00
50 bonds due July 1, 1920	50,000 00
50 bonds due July 1, 1925	50,000 00
50 bonds due July 1, 1926	50,000 00
25 bonds due July 15, 1926	25,000 00
1 note due Aug. 5, 1927	10,000 00

\$235,000 00

Less amount sinking fund

2,016 00

\$232,984 00

TREASURER'S RERORT.

**Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of
Natick.**

DR.

1897.

Mar. 1.	To balance as per last report	\$230 19
	To cash received from :	
	Sewerage committee, unexpended bal- ance appropriated for the use of said committee	139 81
	Salorni & Russo, for work on S. Main St., done by road department	25 00
6.	Frank L. Howe, tax title O. A. Loker	110 00
13.	J. M. Blanden, street license	1 00
16.	Winnifred E. Hoey, board at poor farm	24 00
20.	J. M. Blanden, street license	1 00
	State treasurer, corporation tax	18 72
26.	C. E. Moody, 25 loads gravel, road de- partment	2 50
27.	J. M. Blanden, street license	1 00
April 1.	A. O. Pearse, warden poor farm	32 75
2.	C. P. Currier, tax collector	5,050 00
15.	C. P. Currier, tax collector	2,000 00
16.	R. L. Day & Co., on note anticipation taxes	4,901 56
	R. L. Day & Co., on note anticipation taxes	4,887 50
20.	Mrs. H. Howard, road department	5 00
	Daniel Wight, slaughter house license	1 00
	Poor department, expense paid at hospital	14 39

April 30.	Engineers fire department, rent received	\$25 00
	Engineers fire department, old junk sold	23 70
	A. C. Pearse, warden	26 51
May 3.	W. H. Garfield, hay scales in April .	1 55
8.	W. C. Lyford, manure at engine house .	35 00
10.	C. W. Dean, aid rendered	104 96
	Poor department, expense paid at hos- pital	78 00
	C. P. Currier, tax collector	4,200 00
14.	Poor department, expense paid at hos- pital	47 82
17.	State treasurer, support State paupers .	30 45
	State treasurer, temporary support State paupers	61 72
	State treasurer, burial State paupers .	30 00
	C. W. Burks, auctioneer license . . .	2 00
May 1.	J. A. Kelly & Co., liquor license . . .	1,500 00
	Bisch & Hopf, "	1,300 00
	P. F. Doherty & Co., "	1,500 00
	Simonds Brothers, "	1,500 00
	Burke & Co., "	1,300 00
	M. H. O'Rourke, "	1,300 00
3.	T. H. Gavin & Co., "	1,300 00
4.	Daniel D. Sheehan "	1,500 00
6.	J. E. Cooper, "	1 00
10.	C. W. Perry, "	1 00
12.	L. E. Clark, "	1 00
	Walter Burke, "	1 00
21.	Ward & Co., circus license	10 00
27.	J. M. Blanden, street license . . .	1 00
29.	J. M. Blanden, street license . . .	1 00
June 1.	J. M. Blanden, street license . . .	1 00
2.	F. E. Hooker, auctioneer's license .	2 00
4.	G. H. Brooks, lunch cart license . .	25 00
5.	C. P. Currier, tax collector	2,000 00
8.	Vincengo Ravelli, license as pedler, etc.	15 00
8.	George A. Fernald & Co., on note anti- cipation taxes	9,846 88

June 17.	Goodrich circus, license	\$5 00
	J. M. Blanden, street license	1 00
22.	J. M. Blanden, street license	1 00
23.	Blodgett, Merritt & Co., on note anticipation taxes	9,852 50
25.	John A. Kelly, pool license	2 00
	Daniher & Co., license to sell fireworks	5 00
	George Saunders, license to sell fireworks	5 00
	D. J. Wells, master plumber's license	2 00
	D. J. Wells, journeyman plumber's license	50
	R. J. Webb, master and journeyman plumber's license	2 50
	J. E. White, '96 journeyman plumber's license	50
	E. W. Peterson, journeyman plumber's license	50
	P. Conneally, journeyman plumber's license	50
	J. E. White, '97 journeyman plumber's license	50
28.	J. M. Blanden, street license	1 00
	Andrew Hoey, pool license	2 00
July 1.	L. E. Clark, fireworks license	5 00
	Daniels & Twitchell, fireworks license	5 00
	Fairbanks & Son, fireworks license	5 00
	S. C. Rhodes & Co., license, merry-go-round, 1 week	10 00
	E. T. Wilson (school dept.)	13 04
2.	C. P. Currier, tax collector,	3,600 00
	W. L. Coolidge, guardian, on account board	50 00
3.	State Treasurer, note anticipation taxes	10,000 00
	A. O. Pearse, warden poor farm	83 63
	A. O. Pearse, board	10 00
12.	S. C. Rhodes, license, merry-go-round	20 00
15.	Town of Attleborough, aid rendered	97 55
	J. M. Fiske & Co., license to sell fireworks	5 00

July	17.	J. M. Blanden, street license . . .	\$1 00
		Poor department, for cash paid at hos- pital	6 04
		Poor department, for cash paid at hos- pital	10 00
	20.	C. P. Currier, tax collector, . . .	4,100 00
	26.	Sig. Sawtelle, show license . . .	10 00
	29.	F. N. Adams, auctioneer's license . .	2 00
		Ellis Gleason, pool license . . .	2 00
		Seavy & Coombs, pool license . . .	10 00
Aug.	2.	Town of Hubbardston, aid rendered .	25 46
		C. P. Currier, tax collector . . .	1,650 00
	5.	City of Beverly, aid rendered . . .	54 00
	6.	Town of Wakefield, aid rendered . .	64 00
		Town of Medway, aid rendered . . .	31 00
		Town of East Bridgewater, aid rend- ered	24 00
	17.	City of Gloucester, aid rendered . .	60 00
		A. O. Pearse, warden	36 08
	23.	State Treasurer, temporary support State paupers	1 00
		State Treasurer, burial State pauper .	15 00
Sept.	4.	A. O. Pearse, warden poor farm . . .	40 96
	10.	J. M. Blandin, street license . . .	1 00
	14.	Poor Department, for cash paid at hospital	10 00
		Town of Watertown, aid rendered . .	39 95
		Town of Sandwich, aid rendered . .	63 00
	17.	C. P. Currier, tax collector . . .	13,800 00
	20.	James W. Finn, license	2 00
		Ira E. Bowker, auctioneer license . .	2 00
		G. W. Ingalls, auctioneer license . .	2 00
		A. Bailey, pool license	2 00
Oct.	4.	A. O. Pearse, warden	59 40
	5.	Garfield, plumber license	2 00
		T. W. Johnson, plumber license . . .	50
		C. P. Currier, tax collector	10,400 00
	26.	L. M. Whitney, on account, tax title .	35 00

Nov.	1.	A. O. Pearse, warden, produce sold . .	\$76 00
		A. O. Pearse, hens sold . . .	25 00
		A. O. Pearse, wood sold . . .	21 35
	4.	C. P. Currier, tax collector . . .	30,000 00
		J. M. Blandin, street license . . .	1 00
	18.	Benry Aoity, State license as street vender	15 00
	27.	Town of Milford, aid rendered . .	29 91
	29.	F. E. Parlin, school Supt., hall rent received, South Natick	35 50
	30.	F. E. Parlin, school Supt., hall rent received, South Natick	41 00
Dec.	6.	Poor department, for cash paid at hospital	15 00
		C. P. Currier, tax collector	20,000 00
	8.	W. L. Coolidge, guardian	65 00
	10.	A. O. Pearse, warden	35 13
		A. O. Pearse, board	25 00
	19.	State Treasurer, corporation tax . .	3,601 25
		“ “ National Bank Tax . .	2,052 77
		“ “ Military Aid, Chap. 279 . .	404 25
		“ “ State Aid, Chap. 301 . .	5,045 00
		“ “ Burial State paupers . .	15 00
		“ “ Armory rent	175 00
		“ Burial soldiers and sailors . .	105 00
	20.	C. P. Currier, tax collector	6,000 00
		From Fire Department, expense lockup	12 00
	23.	P. J. Fleming, pool license	2 00
		W. W. Coolidge, slaughter house license	1 00
		Granville Colburn, slaughter house li- cense	1 00
	31.	Blodgett, Merritt & Co. on note, antici- pation of taxes	9,855 00
1898.			
Jan.	1.	On account poor department for cash paid at hospital	725 00
	3.	Town of Sandwich, aid rendered . .	44 00
	5.	C. P. Currier, tax collector	4,600 00

Jan.	12.	C. P. Currier, tax collector	\$2,000 00
		John Naphin, gravel	3 00
		N. C. Griffin, tuition of scholars	13 00
	14.	Town of Wakefield, aid rendered	90 08
	18.	C. P. Currier, tax collector	2,000 00
	19.	City of Gloucester, aid rendered	60 00
	25.	Town of Milford, aid rendered	47 35
	26.	Estate of Catherine Hannifin, expense at hospital	146 00
		John Kelleher, poor account	3 50
	27.	Blodgett, Merritt & Co., note grade crossings	5,000 00
		Frank Lupien, tuition High school	12 00
		Francis Leary, tuition High school	40 00
		Etta Griffin, tuition High school	15 00
		Colburn children, South Natick school	3 00
		F. E. Parlin, superintendent, school books sold	30 92
		F. E. Parlin, evening school deposits forfeited	5 00
	31.	O. J. Washburn, road department	2 50
		J. W. Morse, board horse	16 67
		Town of Hubbardston, aid rendered	56 17
		J. Marston, license	10 00
		Mrs. Noonan, poor account	1 50
		Treasurer Middlesex County, dog tax	1,172 16
		William Nutt, auctioneer license	2 00
		Peter Peterson, plumber license	50
		C. P. Currier, on account concrete walks	306 14
		A. O. Pearse, warden, produce sold	54 46
		A. O. Pearse, warden, hen department	20 00
		City of Beverly, aid rendered	54 00
		R. T. Brown, land rent	16 50
Febry.		C. P. Currier, collector of taxes	3,000 00
		Mrs. A. E. Pratt, land rent	49 50
		Mrs. John Kenealy, street scrapings	1 00
		Martin Rice, on account land rent	150 00
		Loker Bros., street scrapings	11 54

Febry.	D. D. Sheehan, street scrapings . . .	\$30 00
	E. McManus, road scraping . . .	5 00
	Mr. Gleason, " . . .	2 50
	C. W. Johnson, " . . .	3 00
	Capt. Leland, " . . .	4 00
	R. E. Farwell . . .	2 00
	C. E. Moody, land rent . . .	84 00
	James Spruhen, license night lunch . . .	25 00
	C. P. Currier, collector taxes . . .	1,931 46
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		\$198,350 97
	Cash used belonging to other departments . . .	4,458 53
	Natick National Bank, overdraw . . .	1,028 70
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		\$203,838 20

C.R.

By orders paid, drawn by selectmen . . .	\$149,030 40
" " " overseer of poor . . .	13,605 77
" " " engineers of the fire de- partment . . .	5,512 00
By bills paid, approved by trustees Morse Institute . . .	2,154 32
" " " school committee . . .	33,505 37
By cash on hand in office . . .	30 34
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	\$203,838 20

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

**Edward Clark, Treasurer, in account with the Town
of Natick.**

1897.-

D.R.

March 1.	To balance as per last report . . .	\$2,243 26
May 24.	To cash received for five bonds sold . . .	5,000 00
	To cash received for premium on same . . .	381 25
	To cash received for accrued interest on same . . .	71 67
Aug. 5.	To cash received on note . . .	10,000 00
	To cash received for premium on note . . .	807 00

Oct.	28.	To cash received for damaged pipe sold to Riley Pebbles	\$71 50
Nov.	4.	To cash received from house connec- tion account for pipe on hand at time of report	183 88
	20.	To cash received for pipe sold to C. N. Taylor	128 85
Dec.	4.	To cash received for sale of wood	48 25
		To cash received for pipe sold W. Burke	18 80
		To cash received for pipe sold to J. D. Macewen	14 00
	18.	To cash received for sale of wood	37 75

1898.

Jan.	10.	To cash received for pipe sold to C. N. Taylor	4 12
		To cash received for pipe sold to Mr. Mead	2 00
		To cash received for pipe sold to Mr. Johnson	3 20
		To cash received for pipe sold to Mr. Mead	1 00
		To cash received for pipe sold to Mr. Whittemore	16 83
		To cash received for pipe sold to W. Burke	66 52
	20.	To cash received for pipe sold, A. A. Kane sales	46 31
Feb.	3.	To cash received for pipe sold, A. A. Kane sales	14 50
		To cash received for pipe sold water department	6 40
		To cash received for pipe sold to M. E. Hall	4 25
		Luke Lennihan	17 85

 \$19,189 19

CR.

By orders drawn by sewer committee	\$1,491 00
By orders drawn by sewer commissioners	14,143 51
By balance	3,554 68
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	\$19,189 19

HOUSE CONNECTION ACCOUNT.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town
of Natick.

DR.

1898.

Feb. 1. To amount of payments received for house connections	\$2,293 39
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CR.

By orders paid drawn by sewer commissioners on account house connection	\$2,101 83
Balance	191 56
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	\$2,293 39

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To received from town appropriation	\$2,000 00
" for rentals	494 98
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	\$2,494 98

CR.

By orders paid drawn by commissioners	\$2,148 89
Balance	346 09
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	\$2,494 98

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of
Natick.

DR.

To aggregate amount of cash received from J. W. Morse, superintendent, for the year ending this date	\$19,295 98
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Received from town appropriation for prospecting for water supply	\$500 00
Cash received on note to pay for street extensions, etc., the past year	6,000 00
Premium and interest on same	276 67
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	\$26,072 65

CR.

By orders paid drawn by water commissioners . .	\$19,378 64
“ balance carried to sinking fund . .	6,694 01
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	\$26,072 65

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT. Water Department.**Edward Clark, Treasurer.**

DR.

To balance as per last report	\$6,305 76
12 months interest received on note . .	200 00
12 months interest received on savings bank .	52 72
balance from water works account ending Feb. 1, 1898	6,694 01
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	\$13,252 49

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT. Sewer Department.

DR.

To amount appropriated March 1, 1897 . .	\$800 00
“ “ Feb. 1, 1898	1,200 00
To interest	16 00
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Total	\$2,016 00

NORTH CEMETERY.**Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Natick.**

1897.

DR.

Mar. 1. To balance as per last report . .	\$ 113 91
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1897.

CR.

June 28.	By cash paid Isaac Bearse	\$9 00
Oct. 18.	By cash paid L. T. Snell	1 00
Nov. 11.	By cash paid Natick Water department	10 91
Dec. 29.	By cash paid W. W. Wright	13 80

 \$33 91

Balance on hand	80 00
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\$113 91

GLENWOOD CEMETERY.**Edward Clark, Treasurer.**

1897.

DR.

Mar. 1.	To balance, cash on hand	\$ 4 47
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1898.

Feb. 1.	To received from committee for lot No. 234, sold J. Augustine	5 00
	To received from committee for lot No. 42, sold Thos. Coles	10 00
	To received from committee for lot No. 235, sold Mrs. Emily Dow	5 00

 \$24 47

CR.

	By cash paid Mr. Yeager	20 00
	By balance on hand	4 47

 \$24 47
COLLINS MORSE ESTATE.

**Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of
Natick.**

DR.

1897.

Mar. 1.	To balance as per last report	\$137 88
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1898.		
Jan. 20.	cash received H. L. Glidden, rent pasture	\$12 00
	cash 11 months rent C. A. Glidden, at \$6, to Feb. 1, 1898	66 00
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		\$215 88

CR.

1897.		
May 31.	By cash paid C. & G. W. Underwood .	\$3 00
Sep. 29.	“ “ town of Ashland, $\frac{1}{2}$ tax .	4 28
Dec.	“ “ water department	19 00
	“ “ Dell Park Cemetery Asso. .	5 00
	Balance on hand	184 60
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		\$215 88

TRIAL JUSTICE ACCOUNT.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town
of Natick.

1897.		DR.
April 3.	To cash received, master of the House of Correction	\$8 00
5.	To cash received, District Court, Fram- ingham	1 16
June 30.	To cash received, District Court, Fram- ingham	50 00
July 3.	To cash received, master of the House of Correction	15 00

1898.		
Jan. 29.	To cash received, H. C. Mulligan balance to Dec. 31, 1897	37 44
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		\$111 60

1897.		CR.
June 5.	By cash paid J. A. Bean	\$8 91
	By cash paid Thomas Coyne	3 24

June 5.	By cash paid W. E. Daniels	.	.	2 32
30.	Balance on hand	.	.	97 13
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				\$111 60

MORSE INSTITUTE.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town
of Natick.

1897.	CR.			
April 1.	By cash paid	Forbush & Co.	.	\$45 00
	" "	" G. C. Fairbanks	.	15 81
May 9.	" "	" Gas and Electric Co.	.	45 73
27.	" "	" Geo. C. Fairbanks	.	36 00
June 1.	" "	" Water Department	.	6 50
15.	" "	" W. H. Chamberlain	.	3 50
July 1.	" "	" H. D. Noyes & Co.	.	101 20
Aug. 2.	" "	" Water Department	.	6 50
Oct. 1.	" "	" Gas and Electric Co.	.	61 57
	" "	" D. B. Wingate	.	33 16
	" "	" A. P. Knowles	.	3 85
	" "	" Wm. D. Parlin	.	7 14
Nov. 1.	" "	" A. P. Knowles	.	3 70
	" "	" W. A. Bird	.	206 42
29.	" "	" Gas & Electric Co.	.	75 93
Dec.	" "	" G. M. Colburn	.	3 98
	" "	" Martin Hall	.	16 00
	" "	" W. D. Parlin	.	3 35
	" "	" C. T. Brooks	.	14 50
Jan. 1.	" "	" G. M. Colburn	.	9 15
5.	" "	" Williams & Brown	.	28 30
Feb. 1.	" "	" Gertrude Colburn	.	8 40
	" "	" O. H. Burleigh	.	84 00
	" "	" Water Department	.	6 50
	" "	" F. E. Houghton	.	1 50
	" "	" Nellie M. Fox, 11 months,		
	ending Feb. 1	.	.	550 00
	" "	" Mira R. Partridge 11 mos.,		366 63

By Cash Paid F. A. Bryant, janitor, 11 months	\$410 00
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	\$2,154 32
Unexpended balance	17 84
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	\$2,172 16
Appropriation	1,000 00
Dog tax	1,172 16
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	\$2,172 16

SUMMARY OF ALL ACCOUNTS.

Amounts Received and Paid in Each Department.

February, 1898.

Received on account North Cemetery, including balance as per last report	113 91
Received on account Glenwood Cemetery	24 47
Received on Trial Justice account	111 60
Received on account Collins Morse estate	215 58
Received on account miscellaneous department	198,350 97
Received on account water department	25,072 65
Received on account sewer department, miscellaneous	19,189 19
Received on account sewer department, maintenance account	2,494 98
Received on account sewer department, house connection account	2,293 39
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	\$248,867 04
Natick National Bank, overdraw	1,028 70
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	\$249,895 74
Paid out on account North cemetery	\$33 91
“ “ Glenwood cemetery	20 00
“ “ trial justice account	14 47
“ “ Collins Morse estate	31 28
“ “ selectmen's orders	149,030 40
“ “ overseers' orders	13,605 77
“ “ fire department	5,512 00

Paid out on account schools	\$33,505 37
“ “ trustees Morse Institute	2,154 32
“ “ sewer committee	1,491 00
“ “ sewer commissioners	14,143 51
“ “ sewer maintenance account	2,148 89
“ “ sewer, house connection	2,101 83
“ “ water department, orders	19,378 64
“ “ water department, balance paid to sinking fund acct.	6,694 01
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	\$249,865 40
Cash on hand in office	30 34
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	\$249,895 74

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD CLARK,

Treasurer.

I have examined in detail the financial report of the Town Treasurer for the year ending February 1, 1898, and find the statement submitted above to be correct.

M. E. MORRIS,

Auditor.

Natick, February 21, 1898.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

March 7, 1898.

WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS :

To any constable of the Town of Natick in said County.

Greeting :—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the qualified voters of said town of Natick, to meet in the Town Hall, Clark's Block, Natick,

MONDAY, MARCH 7, A. D., 1898,

at 6 o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following articles :—

ARTICLE I. To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose by the Australian system of balloting, the following officers : One Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, one Auditor, one Highway Surveyor, one Tree Warden and six Constables, all for one year ; also one Assessor of Taxes, one Overseer of the Poor, one Water Commissioner, one Sewer Commissioner, two members of the School Committee, and one Member of the Board of Health, all for three years ; also one member of the Board of Health for two years, the same being the unexpired term

of I. B. S. Randall, deceased ; also five Trustees of the Morse Institute for five years ; also one Trustee of the Leonard Morse Hospital for seven years ; also to answer by the Australian system of balloting, the following question ; "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town ?"

For the purposes specified in this article the poll will be opened immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open continuously till 4.30 p. m., when it may be closed, unless the meeting then assembled shall otherwise determine.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will grant for interest, existing liabilities and sinking funds ; for roads, bridges and culverts ; for operating the stone-crusher ; for sidewalks and cross walks ; for assisting and maintaining the poor ; for schools, school supplies and furniture ; for repairing school houses ; for evening schools ; for the fire department ; for police and watchmen ; for support of the Morse Institute ; for collection and abatement of taxes ; for paying town officers ; for military aid and assisting poor soldiers, sailors and their families ; for decorating soldiers' graves ; for lighting streets and public places ; for maintenance of the sewerage system ; for repairing and improving town property ; for winding and repairing town clocks ; for expenses of the tree warden ; for rent of town hall ; for Armory for Company L, and office room for town officers ; for suppressing the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors ; for necessary town uses.

ART. 4 To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money, temporarily, in anticipation of the taxes for the municipal year 1898-9, said money to be payable out of the taxes of said year—and if so, in what manner and how much ;

ART. 5. To see how the Town will have its taxes for the year 1898 collected, choose a collector of taxes and fix his compensation.

ART. 6. To choose one Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote that the Sinking Fund Commissioner, to be elected annually, shall be chosen by ballot, on the official ballot provided at the expense of the town for other town officers, at the Annual Meeting for the year 1899, and thereafter.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take to procure a hall for town meetings and other town purposes during the coming year, grant money to pay for same, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will amend the By-Laws by adopting the so-called Curfew law, imposing a fine or other penalty upon any child or children, sixteen (16) years of age or under, found loitering on the public streets after 9 o'clock p. m., unaccompanied by parent or guardian,—a curfew bell giving due warning.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to request the Trustees of the Morse Institute to open the reading room and reference library to the public on Sundays and other legal holidays, between the hours of 2 and 9 o'clock p. m.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will cause incandescent electric lights to be placed, one at the corner of Eliot street and Leach lane, and one at the corner of Leach lane and Hunnewell avenue, and grant money to pay for same.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will cause incandescent electric lights to be placed on Washington avenue, from the bridge to West Central street, and make the necessary provisions for the same.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will order an electric light to be placed at the angle of Phillips street, at the residences of Ross Hayden and J. E. Cooper, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will cause two electric lights to be placed on Pleasant street, South Natick, between the south end of the stone bridge and Glen street, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will pass a vote instructing our Representative in the General Court to vote against any and all projects to incorporate any part of Middlesex County in "Greater Boston," so-called.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will cause the water main to be removed off the travelled sidewalk and placed in the proper position on the Washington avenue railroad bridge.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to legally accept the railroad crossing between Washington avenue and North Main street, with a view to abolishing the same, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will cause Willow street, west of North Main street, to be graded at least 8 inches higher, and grant \$100, or more, to pay for same.

ART. 20. To see if the town will build a foot bridge on both sides of the stone bridge across the river at South Natick, and a gravelled walk sufficient to make proper approaches to said foot bridge on the westerly side, and do whatever work may be needed to prepare for fastening said foot bridges to the stone work. Said bridges to be built of steel, according to a plan of cross-section and side elevation filed with the selectmen ; and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$2,500 to pay for same, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to build a retaining wall on the west side of North Main street, near the Wayland town line, and build a sidewalk from the said Wayland town line to the house of L. A. Mann, and grant money for the same.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to build a concrete Sidewalk on South Main street from Common street to East street, and grant money for the same.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk on North Main street, from the Wayland line to the house of B. K. Bosworth, and grant money for the same.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will accept the extension of Sherman street, as laid out and filed by the Selectmen.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will accept Hayes street as laid out and filed by the Selectmen.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will accept the extension of Coolidge street, as laid out and filed by the Selectmen.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will accept Chester street, as laid out and filed by the Selectmen, and release to W. L. Coolidge its claim to the "Dump," so-called, located on said street, in full compensation to said Coolidge for any and all land damages caused him by reason of the laying out of said street.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will accept the widening and extending of Morse street, as laid out and filed by the Selectmen.

ART. To see what action the Town will take in regard to establishing a minimum rate on meters, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to purchase or lease land and erect buildings suitable for the use of the Water Department, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 31. To see what action the Town will take with regard to procuring maps and plans of the water works, and authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money to pay for the same, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water pipes from D. M. Willis's, on Everett street, to connect with the pipes on Eliot street, near Horace Broad's, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay for same.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipe on Cottage street, from Everett street to the house of George E. Perry, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay for same.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes from Brown's corner, so-called, on West Central street, to a point at or near the Sherborn line, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay for same.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will erect a suitable building in Southville for the proper accommodation of Hose Carriage No. 7, stationed there, and appropriate not exceeding \$1,000 for that purpose; and for such building being given free of expense to the town.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to refuse to grant the Natick & Cochituate Street Railway any further concessions or franchises until it agrees to carry school children for a three cent fare, as is done by the So. Middlesex Street Railway.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will vote to place one other electric light on Glen street, South Natick, between lights numbered 2 and 3.

ART. 38. To see if the town will buy a new snow-plow for Felchville, the money to pay for same to be taken out of the general appropriation for streets, etc.

ART. 39. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate to extend the sewerage system, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow the money so voted.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will make any By-Law regulating the use of sewers, under authority of Chapter 116, Acts of Year 1897.

ART. 41. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the claims for damages arising out of the abolition of grade crossings in the Town of Natick, and in regard to the construction of the bridges over the B. & A. R. R., in the process of said abolition.

ART. 42. To see if the town will accept a private way for the Natick Gaslight company; said way extending westerly from Spring street over the old B. & A. roadbed, thence over other land of said railroad company and land of Shattuck to land of said Gaslight company; as the same has been laid out and filed by the Selectmen.

ART. 43. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate to satisfy any judgments and to settle any suits now pending against the town

ART. 44. To see what action the Town will take to settle the claim of John Foley who was injured in the construction of the sewer.

ART. 45. To see if the town will vote to pay for Concert hall one night in this year and grant the Fire Department the free use of said hall for that night.

ART. 46. To see if the Town will cause the South arm of Pegan brook to be cleaned and grant not exceeding \$200 for that purpose.

ART. 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, temporarily, to pay damages caused by the separation of grade crossings in anticipation of money to be furnished for that purpose by the Commonwealth.

ART. 48. To see if the Town will accept Middlesex avenue as the same has been laid out and filed by the Selectmen.

ART. 49. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to lay pipes in certain cases where, in their judgment, it is for the interest of the Town so to do and authorize the Treasurer to borrow not exceeding \$2000 for that purpose.

ART. 50. To act on the reports of the various town officers as printed, and to hear and act on the reports of all committees chosen on town affairs, and to choose all necessary committees for the ensuing year. Also to choose Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in each of the Post Offices in said Natick, and at the following public places in said town : Selectmen's room, street entrance to Town Hall, Natick ; Engine House, South Natick ; Hose 4 House, Felchville ; and at or near Felch Brothers' Factory, North Natick, seven days at least before said March 7, 1898. Also by causing an attested copy of said warrant to be published once in the newspaper called the " Natick Bulletin," said publication to be two days at least before the day appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. 1898.

P. F. HALLINAN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Natick.</i>
MILTON E. SMITH,		
GEORGE N. COBB,		

A true copy.—Attest :

JAMES H. BATES,
Constable of Natick.

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of Edward Clark, treasurer of the Sinking Fund Commissioners and find the same correct.

TIMOTHY F. SULLIVAN,	}	<i>Sinking Fund Commissioners.</i>
JOHN J. AHEARN,		
NATHAN B. GOODNOW,		

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND
LIBRARIAN
OF
MORSE INSTITUTE LIBRARY.



NATICK, MASS.,

1897.

NATICK, MASS.,
PRESS OF NATICK BULLETIN.
1898.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MORSE INSTITUTE.

To the Citizens of Natick :—

The Trustees of the Morse Institute respectfully offer the following brief report, referring for more detailed information to the reports of the Librarian and Treasurer herewith submitted.

The change of the reading room from the second to the first floor, as suggested in our report of last year, has been made, and meets with general approval. By throwing open the double doors on either side of the stairways on the first floor all the rooms are made much more accessible and attractive, and an aspect of cordial welcome is created thereby. During the past year the number of hours when the Library is open has been increased, much to the convenience of the reading public. More hours mean more expense, therefore an increased appropriation by the town is necessitated. Of late occasional articles in our local press have touched most directly upon the opening of the Library, or at least certain departments of it, during Sundays and holidays. It is not the purpose of the Trustees to stand in the way of public sentiment in this direction; and if seemingly they have been indifferent to the regards of a respectable number of the patrons of the Library, it must be attributed to the restrictions caused by limited appropriations. With more money the incoming Board of Trustees can more satisfactorily adjust the management of the Library to the greater convenience

of our citizens. The Trustees are pleased to refer to the constantly increasing popularity of the Library and its deepening influence for good in the educational training of our youth. The funds of the Institute are carefully invested, and its general condition is heartily endorsed by the Trustees.

JOHN O. WILSON, President.

FRANCIS BIGELOW, Treasurer.

HENRY C. MULLIGAN.

JOHN F. McGRATH.

FREDERICK O. BASTON, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MORSE INSTITUTE.

1897.	DR.	
May 10.	Carter, Rice & Co.	\$5 50
" 7.	Deposited in Savings Bank	600 00
June 3.	Geo. C. Fairbanks	10 00
	Estes & Lauriat	200 00
7.	A. B. H. Warren	10 71
July 10.	Library Bureau	3 75
	D. Appleton & Co.	6 00
	Carter, Rice & Co.	5 50
	F. J. Barnard & Co.	20 97
	A. B. H. Warren	17 99
	Estes & Lauriat	100 00
Aug. 9.	Deposited in Savings Bank	630 00
Dec. 6.	Estes & Lauriat	100 00
	Library Bureau	2 76
	C. J. Maynard	1 50
	Carter, Rice & Co.	5 50
10.	Maynard, Merrill & Co.	21 00
Feb. 2.	Estes & Lauriat	150 00
	Boston Book Bindery Co.	30 71
	Martin Hall	2 50
	Deposited in Savings Bank	400 00
Mar. 1.	Balance	155 22
		\$2,479 61

1897.	CR.	
Mar. 1.	Balance	\$199 04
	Rec. principal	1,325 00
	" Mrs. L. M. Rockwood	165 12
	" from interest	790 45
		\$2,479 61

INVESTMENTS OF MORSE INSTITUTE.

Mortgage Notes	\$13,675 00
Deposited in Savings Bank	1,599 57
Interest due Feb. 1, 1898	360 20
Balance February 1, 1898	155 22
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	\$15,789 99

FRANCIS BIGELOW,

Treasurer.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORSE INSTITUTE.

Gentlemen :—

In conformity with the rules of the library, the following is the annual report of the librarian for the year ending Jan. 31, 1898.

The library now contains, including the uncatalogued public documents, 18,418 volumes. The number of volumes in the circulating and reference library is 15,263. Of this number 426 volumes have been added by purchase, 33 by binding periodicals and 17 by gift, making a total of 476 volumes added to the library during the year, not including public documents. To meet the demand of the schools it has been necessary to get a number of duplicate works in history.

The circulation has been much larger in the past year than for any previous year. This is largely due to the use of student's cards, which were issued November, 1896. The use of these cards has increased steadily, especially among the school children.

CIRCULATION.

CLASSES.	LOANS 1897-8.	PER CENT 1897-8.	LOANS 1896-7.	PER CENT 1896-7.
Agriculture	57	.15	43	.13
Fiction	18,040	47.82	16,695	50.52
Literature	2,089	5.55	1,651	5.00
History and Biography .	3,371	8.94	2,549	7.71
Juvenile	9,291	24.62	8,072	24.43
Periodicals	1,424	3.76	971	2.94
Poetry and Drama . .	541	1.44	530	1.60
Religion and Philosophy	244	.65	245	.74
Science, Useful and Fine	1,365	3.62	1,107	3.35
Arts				
Travel	1,301	3.45	1,183	3.58
	37,723	100.00	33,046	100.00

The change of library hours from 2 to 5 in the afternoon, to 1 till 6, and from three evenings a week to every evening, will in time greatly increase the usefulness of the library. At present the most marked change is that it equalizes the circulation. If with the increased hours there could be two regular assistants it would be possible to have our card catalogue made over and many necessary details attended to, which with the limited assistance is impossible. The present card catalogue does not furnish the assistance to the public that a thoroughly made card catalogue would, consequently much of our time is consumed at the desk, taking personal attention and time for questions that a good card catalogue could answer. Most people prefer to tell the attendant what subject they are looking for, to consulting even a good card catalogue. It is impossible with our limited appropriation to have always at the desk one competent to answer all questions. At present this seems to be the most important question for consideration. One more trained assistant would make it possible to have good desk service at all times, also would give time that could be spent in work on the card catalogue.

The long agitated change of having the reading rooms all on the first floor was made in November, and is a marked improvement to all departments of the library. The reference room now is quiet and undisturbed. The reading rooms on the first floor are much more accessible.

Among the gifts of the year are the three local papers given by the editor of each. A crayon portrait of Mr. John B. Walcott was presented by some of his friends. It is very fitting that the portrait of this respected townsman should hang on the walls of the library he so much benefited by the generous gift.

It was the expressed wish of the late Rev. Daniel Wright, to have his Meteorological library deposited in the Morse Institute, that the citizens of his native town might enjoy its benefits, and that it would prove a nucleus for further acquisitions. This collection includes a manuscript book of tables, showing the meteorology of Natick from 1871 to the present, including that of Ashburnham, Mass., for a few years previous. These tables exhibit, monthly and yearly, the temperature, face of the sky,

precipitation, direction of winds and atmospheric pressure. A manuscript book, giving the daily observations made from 1895 to the present. "The Boston Almanac" from 1842 to 1894 (1845 and 1846 lacking) 51 volumes. These contain all the daily meteorological observations made by Rev. Daniel Wight to the end of 1894, which is the last year of publication of this Almanac. The "Boston Journal of Chemistry", afterwards "Popular Science News;" Vols. III-XXX; July, 1868-Dec., 1896; 28 Vols. The monthly articles on Meteorology by Mr. Wight extend from Vol. XII, to Vol. XXVIII, a period of nearly sixteen years. The Monthly "Weather Review" from the weather bureau, Washington, from July, 1894, to Nov. 1897; Monthly Reports, Bulletins, etc., New England Meteorology from January, 1889, to December, 1897, 9 Vols.; also miscellaneous volumes and pamphlets.

The following paragraph is taken from the U. S. department of Agriculture Report of the Weather Bureau, Dec., 1897: "In accepting the resignation as voluntary observer of Miss Lucy E. Wight, Natick, Mass., who reluctantly decides that the work must be relinquished, the weather bureau loses the services of a most efficient co-worker. For nearly thirty years the records have been faithfully kept at Natick, first by the late Rev. Daniel Wight, and later by his daughter, the present observer. The reports were models of neatness and accuracy, and the unbroken climatic record of that station is one of the most valuable in the state."

The principal remaining gifts have been United States and Massachusetts documents. A complete list of donors is given in the appendixes.

Following this report are appendixes giving important statistics, a list of donors and a list of the periodicals in the reading room.

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE L. FOX,
Librarian.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Number of books added by purchase	426
Number of books added by gift	74
Number of books added by binding	33
Total accessions for the year	533
Number of bound volumes in the library . .	18,418
Number of days open for delivery of books . .	302
Number of volumes delivered for home use .	37,723
Number of volumes delivered for use at the library not including books from reference library .	1,082
Largest delivery in one day	416
Smallest delivery in one day	35
Number of books worn out	86
Number of books replaced	48
Number of books lost or damaged and paid for .	3
Number of postal notices to delinquents . .	89
Number of books covered	11,638
Number of books rebound	
Number of books repaired at the library . .	2,977
Number of names registered during the year .	311
Total registration ,	8,011
Number of fines collected	2,008
Amount received for fines	\$120 96
Receipts from catalogues, papers, etc. . .	23 26
Total receipts	144 22
Expenditures for postage and stationery . .	11 98
Expenditures for library supplies and repairs .	40 90
Expenditures for express	3 35
Expenditures for carpet	37 54
Expenditures for cleaning	35 15
Expenditures for assistance	14 08

Total expenditures	\$143 00
Balance	1 22

LIST OF DONORS.

	Books	Pamph.
Alger, H., Jr.	5	
Boston Public Library		12
Brimfield, Mass., Public Library		1
Bronson Public Library, Waterbury, Conn.		2
Brookline Public Library		12
Byers, (Miss) Alice	1	
Department of Interior	24	4
Department of Labor		5
Department of State	1	11
Fairbanks, G. C.		
Fitchburg, Mass., Public Library		12
Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.		2
Hall, M.		
Hopedale Public Library		1
Howard, W.		
Indianapolis, Ill., Public Library		2
Interstate Commerce Commission	2	
King, H. S.		1
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library		1
McCormick, C. H.	1	
Maimonides Library		1
Manchester, N. H., Public Library		1
Mass., State of	25	2
New Bedford, Mass., Public Library		1
Otis Free Library, Norwich, Conn.		12
Parsons, J. R; Miller, L; Steward, J. F.	1	
Pratt, F. S.	1	
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.		2

Princeton University	I
Providence, R. I., Public Library	12
Salem Public Library	12
Smiley, A. K.	I
Smithsonian Institute	3
Thurston, L. A.	I
Trustees of Public Reservations	I
Wymper, E.	I
Wight, the late Rev. Daniel.	.
Wight, (Miss) Lucy Ellen.	.
Winthrop, R. C., Jr.	I
W. C. T. U.	.

LIST OF PERIODICALS IN UPPER READING ROOM.

Atlantic Monthly.
 Art Amateur.
 Boston Evening Transcript.
 Bookman.
 Century.
 *Christian Register.
 Forum.
 Harper's Bazaar.
 Harpers' Monthly.
 Harper's Weekly.
 Ladies' Home Journal.
 Library Journal.
 Literary World.
 McClure's Magazine.
 *Manifesto.
 New England Magazine.

*Periodicals given.

Nineteenth Century.
 North American Review.
 Popular Science Monthly.
 Review of Reviews.
 St. Nicholas.
 Scribner's Magazine.
 Teacher's World.
 *Union Signal.
 Woman's Journal.
 Youth's Companion.

LIST OF PERIODICALS IN LOWER READING ROOM.

Boston Daily Advertiser.
 Boston Morning Globe.
 Boston Evening Journal.
 Boston Morning Post.
 Century.
 Harper's Monthly.
 Harper's Round Table.
 Harper's Weekly.
 Mass. Ploughman.
 *Natick Bulletin.
 *Natick Citizen.
 *Natick Review.
 New York Morning Sun.
 New York Morning Tribune.
 *Official Gazette.
 St. Nicholas.
 Scientific American.
 Scientific American Architect's edition.
 Scribner's Monthly.
 Youth's Companion.
 *Periodicals given.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Water Commissioners
AND
Superintendent of Water Works
OF THE
TOWN OF NATICK



FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

NATICK, MASS.:
PRESS OF NATICK BULLETIN.
1898.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

We beg leave to submit the following report :

The test for the new water supply has been made and it seems to be satisfactory and would most respectfully submit the correspondence of the State Board of Health and the Civil Engineer, Mr. Percy M. Blake, which is incorporated in the special report on new water supply, appended to the annual report. A detailed report is expected by March 10, which will be published in the papers. The commissioners would recommend some minimum rate, so that all bills should be collected on the same basis. Now, those that use meters have six months' credit, those that do not, pay in advance. For a full, detailed report of expenditures and receipts, see report of superintendent.

FRANCIS BIGELOW,
HENRY M. ROBBINS,
JOHN M. FISKE,

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Water Commissioners.

ORDERS DRAWN BY WATER COMMISSIONERS.

		ORDER	
1897		NO.	
Mar. 3.	1	Pay roll	228 75
	2	Sundry bills as per vouchers	40 88
	3	Walworth M'fg. Co.	33 37
	4	Wood, Willard Elevator Co.	39 00
	5	J. G. Manuel	60 00
	6	H. F. Gibbs	91 66
	7	J. W. Morse	112 50
April 8.	8	Sundry bills as per vouchers	50 53
	9	Union Meter Co.	228 00

April.	10	Pay roll	.	.	.	.	.	\$164 89
	11	H. F. Gibbs	.	.	.	.	.	91 66
	12	J. W. Morse	.	.	.	.	.	112 50
	13	J. G. Manuel	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
26.	14	Pay roll	.	.	.	.	.	252 47
May 3.	15	"	.	.	.	.	.	297 70
5.	16	"	.	.	.	.	.	274 57
	17	J. G. Manuel	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
	18	H. F. Gibbs	.	.	.	.	.	91 66
	19	J. W. Morse	.	.	.	.	.	112 50
	20	Waldo Bros.	.	.	.	.	.	95 00
	21	B. & A. R. R.	.	.	.	.	.	30 85
	22	Union Meter Co.	.	.	.	.	.	36 00
	23	Dart M'fg Co.	.	.	.	.	.	55 14
	24	Geo. Woodman Co.	.	.	.	.	.	50 80
	25	Sundry bills as per vouchers	.	.	.	.	.	63 84
10.	26	Pay roll	.	.	.	.	.	119 50
17.	27	"	.	.	.	.	.	85 78
24.	28	"	.	.	.	.	.	88 00
31.	29	"	.	.	.	.	.	158 71
June 3.	30	Walworth Mfg. Co.	.	.	.	.	.	226 77
	31	Waldo Bros.	.	.	.	.	.	73 00
	32	O. Woods & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	206 53
	33	Union Lumber Co.	.	.	.	.	.	437 66
	34	J. G. Manuel	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
	35	J. W. Morse	.	.	.	.	.	112 50
	36	Sundry bills as per vouchers	.	.	.	.	.	27 99
	37	Allen & Butler	.	.	.	.	.	15 63
	38	Thomson Meter Co.	.	.	.	.	.	59 40
	39	B. & A. R. R.	.	.	.	.	.	46 48
	40	Running expenses as per vouchers	.	.	.	.	.	61 20
	41	H. F. Gibbs	.	.	.	.	.	91 66
	42	Cleland, Healy & Underwood	.	.	.	.	.	28 36
	43	Pay roll	.	.	.	.	.	187 80
	44	"	.	.	.	.	.	72 89
	45	"	.	.	.	.	.	88 22
	46	"	.	.	.	.	.	84 00
	47	"	.	.	.	.	.	72 00

July	7.	48	Sundry bills as per vouchers	.	\$100 53
		49	John G. Manuel	. . .	60 00
		50	J. W. Morse	. . .	112 50
		51	H. F. Gibbs	. . .	91 66
	7.	52	Norwood Engineering Co.	. .	49 83
		53	C. & J. Underwood	. . .	20 07
		54	Thorp, Martin & Co.	. .	29 50
		55	Running expenses as per vouchers		50 70
		56	Pay roll	. . .	68 00
		57	"	. . .	91 99
		58	"	. . .	141 77
		59	"	. . .	107 53
Aug.	9.	60	B. & A. R. R.	. . .	47 17
		61	Pay roll	. . .	169 45
		62	Sundry bills as per vouchers	.	55 99
		63	Running expenses per vouchers	.	78 30
		64	J. W. Morse	. . .	112 50
		65	Walworth Mfg. Co.	. . .	137 31
		66	Connecticut Pipe Mfg. Co.	.	215 46
		67	H. F. Gibbs	. . .	91 66
		68	Union Meter Co.	. . .	139 00
		69	George Woodman Co.	. .	32 11
		70	Cotton & Gould	. . .	32 56
		71	Boston Lead Co.	. . .	40 36
	14.	72	Pay roll	. . .	295 55
	21.	73	"	. . .	290 63
	28.	74	"	. . .	123 55
Sept.	1.	75	W. P. Phillips	. . .	20 00
		76	J. W. Morse	. . .	112 50
		77	Running expenses as per vouchers		82 00
		78	Sundry bills as per vouchers	.	89 19
		79	Gilchrist & Taylor	. . .	134 10
		80	Waldo Bros.	. . .	95 00
		81	H. F. Gibbs	. . .	91 66
		82	B. & A. R. R.	. . .	57 96
	4.	83	Pay roll	. . .	193 00
	11.	84	"	. . .	161 09
	18.	85	"	. . .	188 39

Sept. 25.	86	Pay roll	\$114 85
	87	E. Clark, interest	1,000 00
Oct. 6.	88	Sundry bills as per vouchers	61 95
	89	H. F. Gibbs	91 66
	90	J. W. Morse	112 50
	91	Pay roll	114 89
	92	Running expenses as per vouchers	63 95
	93	B. & A. R. R.	84 53
	94	Fiske & Co.	38 41
	95	B. F. Smith & Co.	168 71
	96	Norwood Engineering Co.	135 00
	97	Union Meter Co.	84 00
	98	Geo. Woodman Co.	62 77
	99	Waldo Bros.	168 00
	100	Conn. Pipe Mfg. Co.	646 85
9.	101	Pay roll	86 00
16.	102	"	123 77
23.	103	"	84 00
30.	104	"	90 66
	105	Walworth Mfg. Co.	23 90
Nov. 3.	106	Sundry bills as per vouchers	72 84
	107	Platt and Washburn	20 20
	108	H. F. Gibbs	91 66
	109	Conn. Pipe Mfg. Co.	458 95
	110	Walworth Mfg. Co.	23 78
	111	J. W. Morse	112 50
	112	New England Pipe Co.	48 82
	113	Running expenses as per voucher	42 75
	114	Thomson Meter Co.	261 00
6.	115	Pay roll	70 44
13.	116	"	69 56
20.	117	"	91 54
27.	118	"	62 54
Dec. 1.	119	H. F. Gibbs	91 66
	120	J. W. Morse	112 50
	121	Dalton-Ingersoll Co.	30 95
	122	Atkinson Furnishing Co.	35 00
	123	Norwood Engineering Co.	34 11

Dec. 1.	124	Running expenses as per voucher	49 05
	125	J. G. Manuel	60 00
	126	Cotton & Gould	40 99
	127	Sundry bills as per vouchers .	73 59
4.	128	Pay roll	70 06
11.	129	"	75 77
18.	130	"	73 07
25.	131	"	54 99
1898.			
Jan. 5.	132	Walworth Mfg. Co.	44 09
	133	Sundry bills as per vouchers .	77 38
	134	Union Meter Co.	93 60
	135	Running expenses as per vouchers	73 30
	136	Pay roll	71 09
	137	W. D. Parlin	31 00
	138	National Meter Co.	192 40
	139	New England Pipe Co.	45 46
	140	Norwood Engineering Co.	46 38
	141	French Brothers	45 30
	142	Union Lumber Co.	77 11
	143	F. E. Houghton	45 25
	144	J. W. Morse	112 50
	145	J. G. Manuel	60 00
	146	H. F. Gibbs	91 66
	147	Waldo Brothers	36 50
	148	E. Clarke	80 00
8.	149	Pay roll	62 97
15.	150	"	66 42
22.	151	"	64 76
29.	152	"	69 65
Feb. 2.	153	J. D. Macewen	58 60
	154	Mrs. George Rogers	77 50
	155	Thomson Meter Co.	239 00
	156	J. G. Manuel	60 00
	157	J. W. Morse	112 50
	158	H. F. Gibbs	91 66
	159	E. L. Abbott	100 20
	160	Neptune Meter Co.	21 00

161	National Meter Co.	94 00
162	Conn Pipe Mfg. Co.	144 94
163	Sundry bills as per vouchers	93 94
164	Robinson & Jones	445 51
165	Cotton & Gould	27 50
166	Running expenses as per voucher	70 05
167	Union Meter Co.	47 50
168	Pay roll	16 22
169	F. Bigelow	50 00
170	J. M. Fiske	50 00
171	H. M. Robbins	50 00
172	E. Clark, interest	1,308 00

\$19,378 64

Appropriation for prospect-
ing for new water supply \$500 00
Orders drawn for this pur-
pose 448 36

Balance \$51 64

I have examined the above report of the Water Department for the year ending Feb. 1, 1898, and find the same correct.

M. E. MORRIS,
Auditor.

Summary of Expenditures From March 1, 1897, to February 1, 1898.

Street mains, gates and hydrants	\$6,069 03
Pumping station	20 00
Service pipes and meters	4,447 78
General repairs on mains, gates and hydrants	481 75
Running expenses outside pumping station	3,454 73
Running expenses at pumping station	2,148 99
Expenses at Springvale to Feb. 1, 1898	448 36
Interest on bonds and notes	2,308 00

\$19,378 64

Bonds and Notes Against the Water Department.

Bonds due October 1st, 1899	.	\$25,000 00	
Bonds due October 1st, 1904	.	25,000 00	
Note due March 1st, 1902	.	2,700 00	
Note due March 1st, 1907	.	5,000 00	
Note due February 1, 1908	.	6,000 00	
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			\$63,700 00

Cost of Construction.

Reported to March 1st, 1897.	.	\$284,773 00	
Street mains, gates and hydrants to			
February 1, 1898	.	6,069 03	
Pumping station	.	20 00	
Service pipes	.	2,910 48	
Meters	.	1,537 30	
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			\$295,309 81
Less cash received for service and meters	.	2,759 92	
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Cost of work to February 1st, 1898	.	\$291,549 89	

Summary of Receipts from March 1, 1897, to February 1, 1898.

Water rates	.	\$14,893 46	
Service pipe, meters and labor	.	3,759 92	
Summons, sealings and shut offs	.	83 35	
Borrowed to pay for extending pipes	.	6,000 00	
Appropriation for prospecting for new			
water supply	.	500 00	
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			\$25,236 73
Total expenditures	.	19,378 64	
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Balance	.	\$5,858 09	

BILLS DUE FEB. 1, 1898.

Schedule water bills	.	\$3,397 70
Quarterly meter bills	.	816 83

Semi annual meter bills	.	.	.	\$368 67
Meter rent	.	.	.	156 17
Service pipes and labor	.	.	.	1,122 86
B. & A. R. R. from 1895 to 1897	.	.	.	5,774 19
Due on quarterly meters	.	.	.	1,389 92
Due on semi-annual meters	.	.	.	1,996 35

\$15,022 69

Approximate Estimate of Water Rates for Six Months.

Schedule rates from Jan 1, 98, to July	
1, 98	\$5,900 00
Semi annual meters Jan. 1, 98, to July	
1, 98	924 00
Quarterly meters from Jan. 1, 98 to July	
1, 98	2,200 00

\$9,024 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Water Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN : I herewith submit the twenty-fourth annual report of the Water Department for the year ending Feb. 1, 1898.

The works in general are in good condition. With the sewerage system completed the number of repairs have decreased. In a previous report, attention was called to the weakness in the water end of the Blake pump. This is growing worse, and if it continues, there will be but one way of repairing it, that is, a new water end, which will necessitate a large bill of expense, so that it is of the utmost importance to have the Springvale supply pushed to a finish as fast as possible, in order to save this outlay at the old station.

For other information refer to the following tables.

J. W. MORSE,
Superintendent Natick Water Works.

EXTENSION OF MAIN PIPES, GATES AND HYDRANTS TO JAN. 1, 1898.

Worcester St.	1,008 feet 4 inch pipe	.	.	\$686 04
Loker St.	610 " 4 " "	.	.	355 87
Glen St.	Bal. 1,700 " 4 " "	.	.	260 21
Sheridan St.	56 " 4 " "	.	.	55 33
Walcott St.	324 " 4 " "	}	.	273 33
" "	48* " 4 " "			
Cottage St.	305* " 6 " "	.	.	210 83
Speen St.	2,591 " 4 " "	.	.	1,582 00
Bacon St.	1,036 " 4 " "	}	.	693 81
" "	162 " 6 " "			
Curve St.	905 " 6 " "	.	.	571 86
Park St.	204 " 2 " "	.	.	79 81
South Ave.	425 " 6 " "	.	.	292 83
Broads Ave.	176 " 2 " "	.	.	53 24
Whalen Lane	63 " 2 " "	}	.	24 51
" Court	65 " 1 " "			
Bigelow Ave.	403 " 4 " "	.	.	276 74
Forest Ave.	12 " 4 " "	}	.	15 00
" "	1 " 4 " gate			
South Main St.	1 " 6 " "	.	.	16 00
Speen St.	1 hydrant	.	.	42 26
Mill St.	1 hydrant	.	.	46 51
Rockland St.	1 hydrant	.	.	24 95
Main St.	1 hydrant	.	.	61 18
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				\$5,622 31

Number of miles of pipe from 1 inch to 12

inches reported to January 1, 1897	32 miles	4,235 feet
Miles laid in 1897	1 "	4,813 "
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Total to date	34 "	3,768 "

*Cast-iron.

SERVICE PIPE.

Reported to Jan 1, 1897	1,621
Additions to Jan. 1, 1898	68
						<hr/> 1,689

SERVICE LEAKS IN 1897.

Caused by defective street stops	.	.	.	10
“ “ “ goose necks	.	.	.	9
“ “ Sewer department	.	.	.	7
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				26

Number of leaks on main pipe for year ending January 1, 1898, as follows.

Caused by defective joints	11
“ “ old wound joints	3
“ “ defective pipe	3
“ “ sewer department	7
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RECORD OF PUMPING ENGINE FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

MONTH.	Hours Run.		Wood Lbs.	COAL USED.		No. of Strokes of Engine.	No. of Gallons Pumped.	Gallons of Coal..	Ashes and Clinkers....	Lbs of Waste....	Gallons of Oil...	Pump Run.....	Duty Total Coal.....
	H.	M.		Banking. and Starting ..	Run-ning.								
February.....	135	40	400	6,300	28,700	832,000	9,984,000	343	3,000	2	24	Blake & Worthington	50,535,090
March.....	154	10	300	6,300	27,900	808,000	9,696,000	347	2,800	3	8		5,896,735
April.....	153	20	300	7,200	30,700	917,600	11,911,200	358	2,980	2	21		52,157,925
May.....	149	50	600	6,300	28,200	807,200	9,686,400	343	3,430	4	4		50,404,170
June.....	171	55	600	7,200	33,400	995,200	11,942,400	356	2,950	3	3		52,809,655
July.....	212	50	600	7,200	43,100	1,248,000	14,976,000	350	4,650	3	3		53,470,054
August.....	179	20	300	7,200	37,100	1,034,400	12,652,800	341	4,110	3	3		51,256,805
September.....	167	25	500	6,600	36,600	988,400	11,860,800	323	3,490	3	3		49,275,413
October.....	180	30	300	7,500	37,700	1,084,000	13,008,000	345	2,270	2	4		51,651,405
November.....	153	40	600	6,000	32,500	936,600	10,862,200	334	2,800	3	4		50,649,366
December.....	145	35	300	7,600	28,100	873,600	10,483,200	373	3,260	2	4		52,773,565
January.....	151	25	500	6,600	33,450	910,000	10,920,000	326	3,280	3	4		48,919,925
Total and Averages.....	1,955	10	5,300	82,000	397,450	11,424,000	137,088,000	av 34	38,970	31	39		*51,225,943

*Average.

Pumped with Worthington engine, 1,145,822 gallons, or a total of 138,233,822 gallons.

Coal used for same, 4,000 pounds.

Average daily consumption, 378,652 gallons.

H. F. GIBBS,
Engineer Pumping Station.

MAKE, SIZE AND NUMBER OF METERS IN USE DECEMBER 31, 1897.

MAKE.	5-8 in.	3 in.	1 in.	1½ in.	2 in.	3 in.	4 in.	6 in.	TOTAL.
Ball and Flitts	2	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Crown.....	1	4	3	.....	4	.....	1	.....	13
D'sper.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Empire.....	1	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Hersey	109	2	1	1	5	.....	.....	1	119
Nash.....	34	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
Niagara.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Thomson.....	16	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	20
Thomp-on-Bee.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Thompson-Lambert	100	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103
Trident.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Union Rotary.....	13	2	2	2	2	.....	1	.....	22
Worthington .....	.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	.....	7
	289	32	11	4	13	1	3	1	354

NEW WATER SUPPLY.

July 23, 1897. This subject was taken up with reference to getting better water and a more plentiful supply. On the above date Mr. B. F. Smith, an experienced well driver, visited Natick, and accompanied by the Water Commissioners and Superintendent, looked over many places, but came to the conclusion that only one was practicable, though a decision was made to drive wells in two different locations, one at the west of Dug Pond, which proved a failure, the other on Worcester street, which was a success. Two wells were driven and plenty of water was found, some of which was analyzed and pronounced good for domestic use.

Aug. 1, 1897. Application was made to the State Board of Health for advice in relation to an additional water supply under the provision of Chapter 375 of Act 1888. On Nov. 4, '97, the following letter was recorded :

OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.
STATE HOUSE.

BOSTON, November 4, 1897.

TO THE WATER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWN OF NATICK :

GENTLEMEN :—

The State Board of Health has considered your application for advice with reference to a proposed additional water supply for the town of Natick, to be taken from the ground on the easterly side of Lake Cochituate, and just south of the Worcester turnpike, and has caused an examination of the proposed source to be made by its engineer and samples of water from two test wells at this place to be analyzed.

It appears that the consumption of water by the town in 1896 was nearly as great as the probable capacity of the present source of supply in a series of dry years. Moreover, the consumption of water has been increasing rapidly in the last few years and the recent introduction of a sewerage system will have a tendency to increase still further the use of water in the town, so that it is evident that an additional supply has become necessary.

The water shed of Dug Pond, your present source of supply, contains a large population located chiefly along its main feeder, and the pond is exposed to pollution by sewage from this population. Moreover, the intake pipe of your water works is situated upon a narrow arm of the pond into which the main feeder flows. With these conditions, your present source is not a safe one for domestic uses, and the board would advise that in selecting another source of supply you secure one that is capable of supplying the needs of the town for the present and for a reasonable time in the future, in order that the present source may be abandoned.

The test wells referred to in your application are located on a small peninsula, between the southern and middle basins of Lake Cochituate, which is surrounded on three sides by the lake, and the quantity of water obtainable from the ground here will probably depend largely upon the porosity of the soil and the quantity of water that will filter through the ground from the lake. The soil in this region, judging from surface indications and from the two test wells thus far driven, is coarse and porous, and it seems probable that water will filter freely through the ground from the lake, so that the indications are favorable for obtaining a large quantity of water from the ground at this place.

The quality of the water, as indicated by analysis of samples collected from the test wells, is excellent for the purposes of a public water supply, but these samples probably represented water percolating through the ground toward the lake, and if a large quantity of water should be pumped from the ground at this place, a large proportion, as already indicated, is likely to come by filtration through the ground from the lake. It is not

likely, however, that its quality will change materially from this cause if the water is thoroughly filtered in its passage through the ground. It appears to be practicable to locate the works in such a way that water coming from the lake will have to pass for a distance of at least three hundred feet through the ground, and experience in other places where large quantities of water are obtained partly by filtration from neighboring bodies of surface water, would indicate that if the water is of good quality in the beginning it may remain so, at least for many years.

On the whole, the source appears to be a favorable one from which to obtain a large quantity of water from the ground, and the board would advise that a test be made by pumping from a well or wells in this vicinity at a rate as great as would be necessary for the supply of Natick and for a period of two or three weeks, and that observations be made by means of test wells of the variation in the level of the water in the ground in order to determine the probability of obtaining a sufficient supply of good ground water for the town of Natick at this place.

The Board will assist you in these investigations by making the necessary analysis of samples of water, and will, upon application, advise you further in this matter when you have the results of further investigations to present.

The present works of the town of Natick include an open distributing reservoir. If a ground water supply is introduced, it will be necessary either to cover this reservoir so as to exclude the light, or to provide a covered reservoir for general use in connection with the works. In the latter case, the new reservoir might be of small capacity and the present reservoir be kept for use in emergencies.

By order of the Board,

SAMUEL W. ABBOTT,

Secretary.

Nov. 17, 1897. Mr. P. M. Blake, Civil Engineer, came to look over the ground and consulted with the Water Board about a test being made, as recommended by the State Board. An agreement was made with him to make the test, which he commenced on Dec. 20, '97. Eleven wells were driven, nine, two and a half, and two, four feet, at a depth of forty feet.

Jan. 19, 1898. The pump was started and was run till Feb. 2, '98, when the Chief Engineer of State Board gave us leave to stop. About eight hundred thousand gallons were pumped every twenty-four hours from the five wells that were connected, the quality being good as far as the analysis of the same has been reported. Further information will be given to the public as soon as the State Board report, which will be as soon as action is taken.

APPLICATION FROM TOWN OF NATICK WITH REFERENCE TO WATER SUPPLY.

CHAP. 375, ACTS OF 1888.

NATICK, MASS., February 15, 1898.

To the State Board of Health :

Room 140 State House, Boston.

Acting under the authority of Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1888, we hereby give notice of our intention to introduce a system of water supply in the town of Natick and hereby submit our proposed plans for your advice as to the most appropriate source of supply, and the best practical method of assuring the purity thereof.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS BIGELOW,
HENRY M. ROBBINS,
JOHN M. FISKE,

Board of Water Commissioners.

It is proposed to obtain a supply of ground water from the gravel beds underlying land owned by the town of Natick and lying between the Worcester road (old turnpike), the Saxonville branch of the B. & A. R. R. and Lake Cochituate, said land being located in the town of Natick and distant about one and

one-half miles from the railroad station in Natick, and is the territory referred to in the communication of your Board to the Water Commissioners of Natick, dated November 4, 1897.

It is proposed to obtain this water either by driven wells of large diameter arranged in clusters and connected with each other and a main suction pipe by pipes of appropriate diameter, such wells to be located at such points and driven to such depths as convenience in construction and quantity of water available may indicate.

Or, by an excavated well of large diameter, to be retained with heavy stone work, laid dry, and lined inside with water-tight brick work laid in American Portland cement, this well to be covered with appropriate roof to exclude sunlight.

Or, the above methods may be used in combination; in such case the large well to serve as a storage reservoir to meet the demand for rapid pumping.

The water obtained by either or both of the above plans is to be pumped into a standpipe to be constructed on an appropriate elevation within the town limits, such standpipe to be of most modern construction and to have a tight roof to exclude sunlight and air and reduce the danger of freezing in cold weather. In such standpipe the ground water is to be delivered at or near the high water mark at the top of the structure.

Or, the water may be pumped through the present system of piping in the town into the present reservoir on Broad Hill; in such case the reservoir is to be covered over by an appropriate and durable design in construction in order to preserve the quality of the water.

The opinion and advice of the Board is desired as to the sufficiency and quality of the proposed supply and its desirability in comparison with the water now drawn by the town from Dug Pond.

PERCY M. BLAKE,
Civil Engineer.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

OF THE



TOWN OF NATICK

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

NATICK, MASS.,
PRESS OF NATICK BULLETIN.
1898.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health of the town of Natick herewith present their annual report for the year ending January 31, 1898. The board organized soon after the annual meeting by electing W. Richards chairman and P. R. Manuel, secretary. On the fourth day of June, 1897, Isaac B. S. Randall, the third member, departed this life. The loss of no one on the board could have created so great a vacancy. Having had a longer continuous service than any one who has ever served in that capacity he brought to the performance of his duty, sound judgment, and a steadfast unfaltering determination, to mete out exact justice to all. As an official he never allowed his private affairs to deter him from the faithful execution of his public duties.

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Board of Health held July 1, 1897, Philip Connealy was elected to fill the vacancy until the annual meeting in March.

The duties of the board have been greatly enhanced by the completion of the Sewer. Early in May, the Boston Water Board made an imperative demand that certain cesspools on West Central street should be abated and parties controlling them made to connect with the sewer. A like complaint was made in regard to parties on Washington, Cochituate and North Main streets. Hearings were given in each of these cases but the lateness of the season prevented a compliance except on Washington street. A drain on Walnut street constructed by the town for conducting away surface water, being blocked up and thereby causing a nuisance to the citizens residing there, was the source of considerable trouble in determining the party liable for its abatement. The difficulty has been satisfactorily adjusted.

The completion of the sewer on Elm, Maple, Pearl and Plain streets will necessitate the abutters to connect early in the

season and thus to protect so far as possible the purity of our water supply. The same may be said of that section lying between East Central and East streets.

Comparatively few complaints have been made the past year with regard to cesspools and yet there is no disputing the fact that their existence is a fearful menace to the health and lives of our citizens. The soil in many localities is rapidly becoming little else than a common sewer bed so that though frequent attention is paid to the cleaning of cesspools, the air in the best kept yards is laden with harbingers of disease. To remedy this danger is to enter the sewer. That it may seem a hardship to abutters in some cases in these pressing times will no doubt be true, but the public good has a demand upon us we cannot evade.

The commissioners authorized by the town to investigate for a purer water supply, report encouraging results and it is to be hoped that cause for further complaint will soon be unknown.

The board are more than ever convinced of the wisdom of the order requiring bacteriological tests of the throat in suspected cases of diphtheria. It is the only means by which a true diagnosis in such cases can be made, and where a negative result is given all anxiety and neighborhood excitement is at an end. Dr. Sylvester was commissioned to make these tests at a much less cost and in less time than could be furnished by the Harvard medical laboratory. Hereafter the State board will make these tests without cost except express charges.

Ten dollars (\$10.00) has been received for plumber's licenses, which has been passed into the town treasury.

The total number of deaths in town during the past year was 138, exclusive of still-births; males, 75; females, 63; an increase of 22 over the year 1896.

Whole number of deaths from all causes, including those dying in other towns and brought here for burial

159

Persons dying in other towns and brought here for burial

14

Deaths from Causes Independent of Disease.

Drowned	1
Suicide	3

Contagious Diseases Reported.

Diphtheria	11
Scarlet fever	34
Measles	3
Typhoid fever	2

Deaths from Contagious Diseases,

Diphtheria	3
Scarlet fever	1
Typhoid fever	1

Nativity.

Wales	1
Canada	1
America	106
Ireland	19
England	3
Scotland	2
New Brunswick	2
Nova Scotia	3
Unknown	1

Deaths by Months.

January	13
February	15
March	22
April	13
May	8
June	10
July	10
August	15
September	14
October	11
November	15
December	6

Ages.

Deaths of persons under 1 year	.	.	.	.	24
“ from 1 to 2 years	.	.	.	.	3
“ “ 2 to 3 “	.	.	.	.	2
“ “ 3 to 4 “	.	.	.	.	1
“ “ 4 to 5 “	.	.	.	.	2
“ “ 5 to 10 “	.	.	.	.	2
“ “ 10 to 15 “	.	.	.	.	4
“ “ 15 to 20 “	.	.	.	.	5
“ “ 20 to 30 “	.	.	.	.	10
“ “ 30 to 40 “	.	.	.	.	10
“ “ 40 to 50 “	.	.	.	.	19
“ “ 50 to 60 “	.	.	.	.	18
“ “ 60 to 70 “	.	.	.	.	17
“ “ 70 to 80 “	.	.	.	.	25
“ “ over 80 “	.	.	.	.	8
“ “ ages unknown	.	.	.	.	1
Stillbirths	.	.	.	.	7

Cause of Deaths.

Apoplexy	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Consumption	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Convulsions	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Bright's Disease	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Disease of the Liver	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Angina Pectoris	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Dysentery	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Croup	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Bronchitis	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Cerebral Hemorrhage	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Cancer	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Diphtheria	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Cholera Infantum	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Puerperal Septicaemia	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Puerperal Eclampsia	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Uremic Poisoning	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Scarlet Fever	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Shock from Injury	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Pelvic Abscess	1
Hemiplegia	1
Neuralgia of Heart	1
Malformation of Heart	1
Oedema of Glottis	1
Inanition	4
Pernicious Anæmia	5
Nephritis	3
Meningitis	3
Heart Disease	15
Paralysis	4
Peritonitis	5
Appendicitis	3
Senility	5
Pneumonia	8
La Grippe	3
Locomotor Ataxia	2
Prostatic Enlargement	1
Insanity	4
Unknown	2

W. RICHARDS, M. D.,

P. R. MANUEL, M. D.,

PHILIP CONNEALY,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Natick :

The Committee on Appropriations met and organized Nov. 26, 1897, and have held seven meetings and have given one public hearing. Sub-committees were appointed to consider the needs of the several departments in detail for the purpose of assisting the General Committee in their work.

After careful consideration your committee recommend that the following appropriations be made by the town at its annual town meeting :

Interest and Existing Liabilities.

General interest account . . .	\$15,000 00	
To pay notes coming due this year . . .	6,000 00	
Sinking fund account	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$22,200 00

Roads, Bridges and Culverts.

Maintaining roads, bridges and culverts	\$11,700 00	
Expenses of snow storm Feb. 1, 1898	1,100 00	
Sidewalks and crosswalks	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$13,800 00

Poor Department.

Assisting and maintaining poor	\$9,000 00
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School Department.

Pay of teachers	\$26,750 00
Pay of janitors	2,050 00
Fuel	1,700 00
Improvements and repairs	2,100 00
Text books and supplies	2,325 00
Miscellaneous	1,200 00
Evening schools	350 00
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	\$36,475 00

Fire Department.

Maintenance	\$6,000 00
Purchase of fire alarm repeater	500 00
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	\$6,500 00

Police Department.

Maintenance	\$4,700 00
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Support of Morse Institute.

The dog money and	\$1,500 00
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Collection and Abatement of Taxes.

.	\$2,000. 00
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Paying Town Officers.

Selectmen	\$700 00
Assessors	900 00
Registrars of voters	325 00
Overseers of poor	450 00
Auditor	100 00
Board of health	200 00
Town clerk	500 00
Town treasurer	500 00

Sewer commissioners	150 00	
Precinct officers and tellers	350 00	
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		\$4,175 00

Military Aid.

Paying military aid and assisting poor soldiers and sailors and their families	3,000 00
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Memorial Day.

Decorating soldiers' graves	225 00
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Lighting Streets.

.	5,760 00
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Rent Account.

Rent town hall and town offices	750 00
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Necessary Town Uses.

.	2,000 00
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Sewer Department.

Rentals and	1,000 00
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Rent of Armory for Company L.

.	225 00
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Expenses of Tree Warden.

.	150 00
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Total amount recommendations	\$113,460 00
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Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. MULLIGAN,
Chairman.

JOHN J. AHERN,
Secretary,

PATRICK F. HALLINAN,

GEORGE N. COBB,

MILTON E. SMITH,
BERNARD McMANUS,
DAVID FINN,
GUSTAVUS SMITH,
EDMUND M. WOOD,
PATRICK MAHAN,
CHARLES J. FOSKETT,
FRANCIS BIGELOW,

CHARLES W. JOHNSON,
CHARLES B. FELCH,
DANIEL J. MURPHY,
EDWARD CLARK,
FRANK M. FORBUSH,
WALTER BURKE,
IRVING E. GLIDDEN,
WILLIAM NUTT,

Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the financial accounts of the various departments of the town as submitted, and find the same correct.

I wish to thank the officials with whom I have been brought in contact for the general courtesy which has been extended to me.

M. E. MORRIS,
Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE



TOWN OF NATICK

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

NATICK, MASS.,
PRESS OF NATICK BULLETIN.
1898.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1897-'98.

Term expires March, 1898.

FREDERICK O. BASTON,
FRANK M. FORBUSH.

Term expires March, 1899.

HENRY C. MULLIGAN,
CHARLES B. FELCH.

Term expires March, 1900.

ELIZABETH E. BARTLETT,
MICHAEL F. BURKE.

Organization, March, 1897—March, 1898.

HENRY C. MULLIGAN, CHAIRMAN.
CHARLES B. FELCH, SECRETARY.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FRANK EDSON PARLIN.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

ERDIX T. TURNER,
JOHN J. OAKES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, }
NATICK, FEBRUARY 10, 1898. }

The Superintendent presented his annual report for the year ending January 31, 1898.

Voted, to accept the report, and to adopt it as the report of the committee.

CHARLES B. FELCH,
Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee :

I herewith submit my fifth annual report, which is the seventh of the series of annual reports of the superintendent of the public schools of Natick.

The beginning of the fiscal year having been changed from the first of March to the first of February, this report covers only eleven months—from March 1, 1897 to February 1, 1898.

Before speaking of the work of the year, I wish to call attention to some matters that may properly be considered in this report because of their influence upon the schools.

Educational Association.—While the general interest of parents in the schools is not questioned it is certain that this interest is not what it should be. It should be more active and intelligent, more felt in the community and in the schools, more apparent to teachers and pupils.

The most important function of the town is to properly educate its children. The welfare of the town is vitally connected with the schools and every private interest is more or less affected by their quality. Close the schools or allow them to degenerate to a low degree of efficiency for a few years and the truth of this statement would be plain even to the most thoughtless and superficial observer. Our life at home and our reputation abroad are largely determined by the character of our schools. Not only because of their cost but more especially because of their profound influence upon the lives of our children, and directly or indirectly upon the welfare and happiness of us all, should every citizen be actively interested in their work and improvement.

I would like to see an association formed whose purpose should be to study the public schools and present educational

theories, to develop a deeper popular interest in local education, and an adequate appreciation of the work of the teachers and the needs of the children. This organization could provide public lectures upon educational subjects, could effectively co-operate with the school officers in their efforts to improve the schools and create a wise and progressive educational sentiment throughout the community. There are the questions of Kindergarten, manual training, physical culture, improved sanitation and school room decoration, of defective, abnormal and vicious children, and a score of other subjects that should receive the thoughtful consideration of parents. Such an association wisely conducted would add interest and inspiration to the schools, improve the home training, and correct many wrong theories and opinions in the popular mind. Many of the leading citizens of Brookline and other towns in the Commonwealth do not consider it beneath them to be active members of such associations, or to study children and their educational welfare. The Mother's Class is already doing some excellent work along this line but the fathers should be enlisted as well. The schools of a town are generally a reflection of the intelligence and character of the citizenship of the town.

Employment of Children. Every wise citizen will encourage children, whether his own or not, to remain in school as long as possible. No parent having regard for the best interest of his child will allow anything less than absolute necessity to interfere with the child's schooling. And he should not do by his neighbor's child what he would not suffer in his own. During the last year an unusually large number of children have gone from the schools to the shops, and many of them have been employed without the required certificates and contrary to law. Something is wrong when the children are at work and adults can find no employment. I do not know what the trouble is but I know it is not a sign of prosperity when pupils are called from school to labor while able-bodied men are idle upon the streets. He who for mercenary motives robs his own or another's child of his birthright—an elementary education—is inexcusable. Whoever influences a child to cut short his schooling deprives that child of one of the conditions of success

in life and it may prove to be the essential condition. In any case the limits of the child's life have been contracted, channels of enjoyment and usefulness have been closed, windows of light and hope have been darkened, his view of life and of his fellow-men has been narrowed. Not only has his own life been impoverished but his productive power and value as a citizen have been diminished, while the possibility of his becoming a burden or a menace to the community has increased.

One of the most observing as well as the most prominent and successful business men of our country has said that a grammar school course increases a person's productive power, or value, fifty percent; a high school course increases it one hundred percent, and a college course increases it, at least, two hundred percent. This means that the average boy or girl who completes the grammar school course is worth one-half more to his employer than the average boy or girl without such a course, that the high school graduate is twice as valuable and the college graduate three times as valuable, as he or she would have been without such education.

In all industry it is the head factor that counts most. Machines may take the place of muscle but they can never perform the work of brains. There is no way in which a town can increase its real permanent wealth so rapidly as by educating its children. To take the children out of school as early as the law will allow is to adopt a short-sighted and extravagant policy. Let us not rob the children simply because, not appreciating their loss, they are willing to exchange their birthright for a mess of pottage. Whether we realize it or not we all have an interest in the education of every boy and girl in the community. Then let only absolute necessity deprive a child of his schooling. At least let us give him as much as the law demands, for to be no better than the law is not to be very good.

Curfew Needed. The thoughtful attention of all good citizens should be given to one evil in Natick which seriously affects the tone of the schools and does much to neutralize their moral influence. It is the prevalence of children upon the streets at night. A large number of boys and girls between the ages of seven and fifteen may be seen almost any evening either

loitering upon the streets or sitting upon the door steps of public buildings, or scattered about in unfrequented places, not disappearing until a late hour. The presence of these children upon the streets at night is due to the lack of home government or the thoughtlessness of parents. In either case the wisdom and force of the community should come to the aid of the parents and the rescue of the children. It can't be that these parents know where their children are or realize to what vicious influences they are exposed. The best place for children at night is at home. Granted that some of their homes are not very attractive or homelike, nevertheless the poorest home is better than the street. These children are now being schooled in insolence, immorality and crime.

For the sake of the neglected children, for the sake of the schools and for the sake of the reputation of the town, this pernicious practice should be abated. The best remedy is suggested by the following extract taken from an editorial in the *Outlook* of January 1, 1898: "The Curfew Ordinance, requiring children under fifteen, without leave of absence, to be at home by eight o'clock in winter and nine in summer, is steadily working its way eastward. Last week it was adopted by the city council of Indianapolis by a majority of twelve to seven. This makes over three hundred cities and towns, chiefly in the Middle West where the ordinance has been put in force during the last two years. The initiative of this movement . . . came from the convention of the Boys' and Girls' National Home and Employment Association in 1894. This Association was organized about four years earlier to study the matter of hoodlumism and crime among boys, and the revival of the curfew was the practical measure which this study led it to recommend." The testimony of the officials in those places where the ordinance is enforced "has been almost incredibly favorable." The chief of police at St. Joseph, Mo., writes thus: "After seven months' enforcement of the curfew ordinance I beg leave to inform you that it has proved an unqualified success, and at the present time I am safe in saying that at least seven-eighths of the people give it their sincere and cordial approval and support. There has

been a reduction of fully fifty per cent. of commitments to the Reform School."

The following is from an editorial in a prominent New York educational journal: "The curfew idea in some shape or other must come. In every school room are those who come daily to school not only with lessons unprepared, but physically and mentally unable to receive instruction, because of insufficient sleep and the unwholesome excitement of hours spent on the streets far into the night." Most of the places which have adopted the curfew ordinance are towns and small cities. Amherst, Cambridge and Newton, in this state, are considering the adoption.

Local Teachers. As it has been implied that I am opposed to local teachers I would like to state my position upon the question, prefacing my remarks with the opinion that some of the best teachers in our schools are home talent.

The standard of qualification in the elementary schools for a teacher (established by the State Board of Education), is (1), a grammar school course, or the equivalent; (2), graduation from a four years' course in a high school of good standing, or the equivalent of such a course; (3), graduation from one of the State Normal schools of Massachusetts, or from some approved State Normal school, or at least two full years' experience in teaching. This standard is none too high, and nothing less than these qualifications should be accepted so long as teachers having them are available. Residence in a town gives no teacher a right to demand a position in the schools of that town any more than it imposes the obligation to continue to teach there when offered a larger salary to go elsewhere.

No local teacher should be appointed who would not be acceptable if a non-resident. There is in some places a strong tendency to appoint resident teachers of inferior qualifications for personal, political or religious reasons, but it is all wrong. Usually, unless home talent largely predominated, other things being equal, I would give preference to a resident teacher, but *only* when other things *are* equal. To appoint an inferior teacher because she happens to live in town, instead of a superior one who happens to live out of town, is inexcusable and indefensible and an absolute injustice to the children.

It is never desirable to employ only home talent. The following from the sixtieth annual report of the Massachusetts Board of Education is to the point: "Any place that selects nearly all its teachers from local candidates is sure to have many poor teachers so firmly intrenched in their positions that a removal is next to an impossibility. These teachers recognize the fact that social, political and religious influences will rally to their support in case of need, and be more potent than superior merit in retaining them in their positions. A considerable proportion of the teaching force selected from other places and various fitting schools, with new ideas and a broad range of observation, dependent upon the efficiency of their work rather than local backing, will tone up and quicken the pulse of any educational system."

Also the following from the fifty-eighth annual report: "If the children in the schools are the ones to be considered, home talent will have no advantage whatever; merit, and merit alone, will be the deciding factor in the selection of teachers. Young teachers do well to win their spurs away from home, unsupported by local influences. There they are thrown upon their own resources."

The schools are for the children and the children have a right to the best available teacher every time. Every teacher, resident or non-resident, should secure and retain his or her position solely by merit. Just fifty per cent. of the teachers of Natick are home talent; exclusive of the High school, the per cent. rises to nearly sixty.

The Pollard System of Reading This method of teaching reading has been in constant use in our schools during the last three years, and as the reports from the teachers and my own opinion continue most favorable to the system, this report may be brief. The advantages mentioned in previous reports are again emphasized this year, and the teachers are unanimous in their approval. In brief, the points of superiority over other systems used are as follows:

The children are much more interested.

The articulation is much improved.

The pronunciation is very much more ready and accurate

The child in a very enjoyable way learns the fundamental laws of our language.

The pupil masters the art of reading much more quickly, and has a much larger reading vocabulary.

Learning to read by this method is an educational process of the highest value.

It fosters the learner's independence, stimulates his effort and makes him conscious of a new power.

The children do more home reading because they can read with greater ease.

It improves, in a marked degree, the pronunciation of children of foreign parentage or of defective speech.

The children understand and enjoy their reading as never before.

The work in reading has a very perceptible and favorable effect upon the work in other subjects.

Now, at the end of three years of careful observation of the Pollard system in our schools, we all approve its main principles and should consider a return to any former method a step backward in the teaching of reading.

Vertical Writing. This is the fourth year since vertical writing — the Natural System — was introduced into our schools. The results prove conclusively its advantage over slant writing for school use. It is the hand nearly all children naturally adopt when they begin to write. It is much more easily learned and is also more legible than slant writing. Every child either in the upper grades or after he leaves school adopts his own peculiar hand — his characteristic hand — and does not hold to his school hand. For primary pupils the written letter should be simple in form, differing as little from print as an easy movement will allow. The copy should be very large and free from all unnecessary lines so the child may clearly see the essential parts of the written letters. The connecting lines will take care of themselves as the learner advances and his speed increases. There should be no guide lines, except the base line, and even that is not essential, for these lines tend to distract the attention from the real object and to confuse the pupil. The penmanship

of children is quite different in form and execution from the penmanship of the engraver.

The best system for school use is the one which is most natural, easiest to learn and most legible, and the vertical meets these conditions. The poor penman is especially helped by this system, and he is the very one who most needs help.

Today there is practically no illegible writing in our schools above the first grade — a condition that never existed with the slant system. These are our conclusions without argument.

Music. All the schools have been supplied during the year with the books and charts of the Natural Music Course. Few music books had been purchased for several years, and the old books were in very bad condition. The children were so familiar with the old books that it was very difficult to create an interest in the lessons. The new books have proved an inspiration to both teachers and pupils. To quote from the supervisor's report: "The music in these books is of the highest order, and some of even the simple melodies have been selected from works of famous musicians and writers, so that in doing elementary work the pupils are brought in contact with the best musical thought. The poems are well chosen and some of them are very beautiful, aside from their musical setting. Another advantage is the number of hymns and patriotic songs which occur in the last part of each book."

There has been a decided improvement in the singing, and in some rooms where it had for a long time been very unsatisfactory, the improvement has been even remarkable. The conditions this year have been more favorable for successful work, and the results prove the intelligent and efficient work of the supervisor, to whom great credit is due.

Drawing. I quote from the supervisor's report: "Certainly we live in an era of educational reform. Old methods have been thrown aside and new theories advanced in almost every subject, and probably in no subject has the change been more radical than in drawing." This is especially true of the work in the lower grades. "I have come to the conclusion that children prefer life to inanimate objects. If the child loves life so much why not give it to him? A great deal more pleasure will be

given by drawing one of the children or a pet animal than the most beautiful cube in the world." "I have not limited the children to pencil. They have brushes and color-wash, colored crayons and even scissors, cutting the object in silhouette."

The instruction in the upper grades has been as well adapted to the needs of those grades as the primary work has been to the younger pupils. Never before have the children been so interested in drawing and never before has the work been so well adapted to their right training. The supervisor's part has been intelligently, enthusiastically and efficiently performed.

Evening School. I herewith submit the report of the principal of the evening school:

REPORT OF EVENING SCHOOL.

To Mr. F. E. Parlin, Superintendent of Schools:

Herewith is submitted my fourth annual evening school report. The school has been in session fifty evenings with one less teacher than in past years. The total enrollment was 29; average membership 20.1; average attendance 17.2, and the per cent. of attendance 85.5.

The enrollment was smaller than in previous years, but what the school lacked in numbers was balanced by an increase of 16.5 in the per cent. of attendance and by unusual application by the pupils.

While many avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by the evening school, there still remains a large number, who, though desiring the instruction, hesitate to attend. They have been some years out of school and would dislike being called upon to recite. This very natural embarrassment is understood and avoided by the teachers. In only one subject, book-keeping, is regular class work attempted, and even here the answering of questions is voluntary. In reading and arithmetic the work is done with every pupil separately. A clearer under

standing of this matter ought to increase the usefulness of this important branch of our public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. McGRATH,

Principal.

High School. Mr. Emory L. Mead, who had been for four years the popular and efficient principal of the Natick High school accepted in June the principalship of the Milton High school at a large increase in salary. Although unfortunate in losing Mr. Mead, we were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Horace W. Rice, whose success as principal of the Lewis High school at Southington, Conn., and elsewhere, had been most excellent and such as to indicate his ability to manage our High school in an able, efficient and satisfactory manner. Thus far the school has fallen neither in tone nor standard and everything confirms the wisdom of the choice.

In September five typewriters were purchased for this school and a teacher of stenography and typewriting employed. A large class was formed in these subjects and excellent work has been done considering the small amount of time allowed.

In February, 1893, there were one hundred twenty-four pupils in the High school. Today there are two hundred fifty—the membership having more than doubled in five years.

The time has come when a good thorough business course should be provided in the High school and such changes made in the other courses as will better adapt them to the needs of the pupils and the requirements of higher institutions.

I recommend that the following courses be adopted to go into effect next September.

FIRST YEAR.

CLASSICAL.	SCIENTIFIC.	MODERN LANGUAGES	GENERAL.	COMMERCIAL.
5 English 5 Algebra 5 History 5 Latin	5 English 5 Algebra 5 History 5 Latin	5 English 5 Algebra 5 History 5 French	5 English 5 Algebra 5 History 5 French or Latin.	5 English 5 Algebra 5 History 5 Commercial or Arithmetic

Sixteen periods of prepared and four periods of unprepared work per week.

SECOND YEAR.

CLASSICAL.	SCIENTIFIC.	MODERN LANGUAGES	GENERAL.	COMMERCIAL.
4 English 4 Geom'try	4 English 4 Geom'try	4 English 4 Geom'try	4 English 4 Geom'try or 5 Book- keeping.	4 English 5 Bookkeeping
2 History 5 Latin	2 History 5 Latin	2 History 5 French	2 History 5 French or Latin	2 History 5 Stenogræphy
5 Greek	5 Physics	5 Physics	5 Physics	2 Typewriting

Sixteen periods of prepared and four periods of unprepared work per week.

THIRD YEAR.

CLASSICAL.	SCIENTIFIC.	MODERN LANGUAGES.	GENERAL.	COMMERCIAL.
<p>4 English</p> <p>5 Latin</p> <p>5 Greek</p> <p>5 French or German</p> <p>and</p> <p><i>One Elective</i></p> <p>4 History</p> <p>5 Physics</p> <p>3 Chemistry</p> <p>3 Solid Geometry</p>	<p>4 English</p> <p>3 Solid Geometry</p> <p>{ Latin or</p> <p>5 { French or</p> <p>{ German</p> <p>3 Chemistry</p> <p>{ Geology and</p> <p>4 { elements of</p> <p>{ Astronomy, $\frac{5}{8}$ yr.</p> <p>{ Botany, $\frac{3}{8}$ yr.</p>	<p>4 English</p> <p>4 History</p> <p>5 German</p> <p>and</p> <p><i>Two Electives.</i></p> <p>5 Book-keeping</p> <p>5 Latin</p> <p>{ Geology, $\frac{5}{8}$ yr.</p> <p>{ Botany, $\frac{3}{8}$ yr.</p> <p>3 Chemistry</p> <p>{ Stenography &</p> <p>7 { Typewriting</p> <p>3 Solid Geometry</p>	<p>4 English</p> <p>4 History</p> <p>3 Chemistry</p> <p>and</p> <p><i>Two Electives</i></p> <p>5 Book-keeping</p> <p>5 Latin</p> <p>5 French</p> <p>5 German</p> <p>3 Solid Geometry</p> <p>{ Geology, $\frac{5}{8}$ yr.</p> <p>4 { Botany, $\frac{3}{8}$ yr.</p> <p>7 { Stenography &</p> <p>{ Typewriting</p>	<p>4 English</p> <p>4 History</p> <p>4 Stenography</p> <p>{ Com. Law, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr.</p> <p>4 { Civics, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr.</p> <p>2 Typewriting</p>

FOURTH YEAR.

CLASSICAL.	SCIENTIFIC.	MODERN LANGUAGES.	GENERAL.
3 English 5 Latin 5 Greek 5 { French or 5 { German 4 Adv. Math.	3 English 5 { Latin or 5 { French or 5 { German 4 History & Civics and <i>Two Electives</i> 4 Adv. Math. 5 Book-keeping 4 { Physiology, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr 4 { Psychology, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr 5 { Stenography, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr 4 { Typewriting 5 Latin 5 French 5 German	3 English 5 German 4 History & Civics and <i>Two Electives</i> 5 Book-keeping 4 { Physiology, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr 4 { Psychology, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr 6 { Stenography & 6 { Typewriting 5 Latin 5 French 5 German 4 Adv. Math.	3 English 4 History & Civics and <i>Three Electives</i> 5 Book-keeping 4 { Physiology, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr 4 { Psychology, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr 6 { Stenography & 6 { Typewriting 5 Latin 5 French 5 German 4 Adv. Math.

Graduates of '97. The graduation exercises of the classes of 1897 took place in Concert Hall, Wednesday evening, June 30. The names of those who received diplomas were as follows:

Four Years' Course.

Olive Carolyn Ambler,	Charles Hardy Harris,
Ethel Haddassah Burnett,	Olive Gertrude Hanchett,
Paul M. Brown,	Agnes Nora Mahan,
Mabel Bertha Crabtree,	Mary Irene Murphy,
Ethel Prudence Fairbank,	Robert James Montgomery,
Albert Amandus Felch,	Anna Elizabeth Regan,
Alice Miriam Fitz,	Roger Willard Wight,
James Henry Fleming,	David L. Washburn,
Helen Hall Glidden,	John Edward Wilson,
George Francis Goddard,	Henry D. Woodward,
Nettie Winslow Goulding,	Clarence Sumner Woods.

Three Years' Course.

Ella Gertrude Cahill,	Myrtle Leone Markham,
Carlton Colburn,	Evangeline T. McGrath,
Edward N. Clark,	Anna E. McGrath,
Celia Florence Daniels,	Elsie Geneva Mahard,
James Walter Donlon,	Sarah Josephine Peters,
Margaret Ann Grady,	Josephine Louise Riley,
Grace Harriet Hale,	Timothy Joseph Rafferty,
Thomas Francis Jennings,	Winifred Agnes Slamin,
Delia Kelly,	Katharine Anna Ulrich,
Mary Estelle Lynn,	Howard Francis Whitney.
Elsie J. Leavitt,	

The High school has been equipped with a complete set of historic maps and a large atlas of the world in two well bound volumes. We have also added over three hundred dollars' worth of apparatus and supplies to the laboratories. The department of English has been much improved by a large increase in the number of books included in the college requirements. All of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades of the grammar schools

have been supplied with sets of the Student's Cyclopædia. The High school should be provided with individual English dictionaries. I herewith submit the principal's report :

NATICK, MASS., Feb. 1, 1898.

To Mr. F. E. Parlin, Superintendent of Schools.

Herewith is submitted the report of the High School :

The school opened on Tuesday, Sept. 7, with a total membership of two hundred sixty-five. Of this number there were twenty seniors, sixty juniors, seventy-five sophomores, ninety-seven freshmen, and the remaining thirteen specials and post-graduates. The present number is two hundred fifty. This makes a large school, and severely taxes the accommodations of the building. It certainly indicates popular appreciation of educational advantages.

The attendance as a whole has been satisfactory, the irregularities having been confined to a few.

The punctuality has not been good. Leaving out of consideration those who come to school upon the electric cars, there has been much tardiness which could have been avoided easily.

The habit of being always a few minutes late is easy to form, and difficult to correct. It is obviously the duty of parents to their children to see that they are punctual in school attendance, and I am sure that teachers consider such action on the part of the parents an indication of interest in their work.

With regard to the important matter of discipline, I am in hearty accord with the methods heretofore employed in this school. If children are to be prepared to meet the exigencies of life they must be taught the necessity of self-government, and become accustomed to carry responsibility.

In a High school the majority of pupils cheerfully submit to the direction of judicious teachers, without requiring an exhibition of authority. But in a large school a limited number of pupils will always be found who lack in some respects the ability to govern themselves. In such cases the teacher will be

obliged to have recourse to more heroic measures in order to enforce obedience to just regulations.

The general spirit pervading the school is exceptionally good. Nothing of a serious nature has occurred to mar the harmonious relations existing between teachers and pupils.

At the present time there is a decided demand for a practical business education. Although adhering to the belief that a general education is necessary to a high degree of culture, and altogether to be preferred, we must listen nevertheless to the wants of the masses. It seems desirable therefore to offer the students the choice of a commercial course along with the other courses of study. There is no reason why we cannot give a thorough business training to those seeking it, without materially increasing the expense. If this is done, I shall expect that some will avail themselves of the privilege who otherwise will not attend the High school at all.

I am of the opinion that more emphasis should be placed upon the study of vocal music in the High school than is now the case. Surely music is a powerful agency in the development of character. I believe it should be required in the first two years of the course, at least.

The teachers of the school earnestly invite the co-operation of parents, believing that such a course would be mutually helpful. Frequent visits from parents stimulate pupils, encourage teachers, and awaken in the parents themselves a greater interest in the work of the school, giving them a more thorough acquaintance with the school life of their own children.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. RICE,

Principal.

School Savings Banks. The best arguments in favor of continuing this feature of our school system are found in the following data:

	Wilson. Mar. 1, 1897.	Wilson. Feb., 1898.	Eliot, Feb. 1, 1899.	Totals,
Average individual deposit				
per week	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.21 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$0.36 $\frac{1}{2}$

Average number of depositors per week	131	93	99	192
Average total deposit per week	\$17.83	\$14.24	\$20.74	\$34.98
Average individual deposit for the year	3.51	5.36	5.53	10.89
Whole number of depositors	383	69	178	630
Total deposit for March		\$65.35		\$65.35
“ “ April		37.06		37.06
“ “ May	\$74.85		\$91.16	\$166.01
“ “ June	12.93	34.33	76.00	123.26
“ “ Sept.	42.02	55.79	78.42	176.23
“ “ October	58.39	79.80	77.08	215.27
“ “ Nov.	103.10	74.18	71.02	248.30
“ “ Dec.	48.03	25.68	23.43	97.14
“ “ January	76.59	84.62	122.20	283.41
“ “ February	65.41			65.41
Whole amount deposited	481.32	498.60	539.31	1,519.23
Number of bank books taken out from the Natick Five Cents Savings Bank for children who never had one before	45	44	61	150

There are 630 depositors in these two schools, 150 of whom never had a bank book before, and these children have deposited in the school savings bank \$1,519.23. To appreciate the full significance of the above figures it must be remembered that the system has been in operation during only seventeen months at the Wilson school and seven months at the Eliot. Thus far I have learned of no complaint against the system but have heard much commendation, and I recommend that the system be adopted for one or two other schools.

Repairs. At the Eliot school all partitions in the lower hall have been removed, and the cellar stairway changed to a more convenient place, thus giving a large open hall extending nearly the entire length of the building. This hall, the front stairway and the large hall on the second floor have been suitably

equipped for electric lighting. Other improvements were made in this building, including painting and calcimining the rooms in the old part.

At Oak Grove the walls of all the rooms were tinted and the ceilings calcimined. Similar repairs were made at the Bacon school.

At the High school all the old desks were thoroughly renovated, about fourteen hundred square feet of paper blackboards were put up, the walls of the drawing room re-tinted and large windows placed in the walls between the old and new parts of the building so as to increase the amount of light in the two rooms of the old part.

At Southville the basement floor was renewed and part of the chimney re-laid.

Various minor repairs were made at all of the buildings.

Needed Repairs.—The roof of the addition to the High school has proved exceedingly defective in structure and it has been necessary to put in temporary supports from the basement to the roof to avoid the danger of a very serious accident. The structural weakness of this roof began to appear almost immediately after its completion. It will be necessary to reconstruct a part, if not the whole, of this roof next summer. In case it does not seem feasible to erect the new grammar school building north of the railroad, recommended in my last report, it will be necessary to make important repairs on the Bacon and Felchville buildings. But, as I see it, every argument—hygienic, educational and economic—is in favor of the new building.

In conclusion I wish to commend the earnest and faithful work of the teachers. There is not a disorganized school in town. While there is abundant room for improvement there has been a creditable advance during the year. Without the kindergarten and manual training it will be impossible to meet the educational needs of our pupils and I hope the time will soon come when this board will be able to introduce these very important parts of a complete school system.

I desire also to express my sincere appreciation of the courteous treatment I have received at your hands, to thank

you for your continued support and cooperation, and for your loyalty to the children's interests committed to your charge.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK EDSON PARLIN,

Superintendent.

Natick, February 9, 1898.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation for schools . . .	\$31,500 00	
" furniture and repairs . . .	1,500 00	
" evening school . . .	300 00	
Received for tuition . . .	83 00	
" " use of hall (So. Natick) . . .	76 50	
" " books, supplies, etc., sold . . .	30 92	
" " evening school deposits forfeited . . .	5 00	
" from E. T. Wilson, on con- tract . . .	13 04	
	<hr/>	\$33,508 46
Paid day school teachers . . .	\$21,359 71	
" superintendent of schools . . .	1,350 00	
" supervisor of music and draw- ing . . .	700 00	
" evening school expenses . . .	253 80	
" janitors . . .	1,872 50	
" for fuel . . .	1,935 35	
" " improvements and repairs . . .	1,308 43	
" " books and supplies . . .	2,781 14	
" " miscellaneous expenses . . .	1,083 35	
" " insurance . . .	126 90	
" " printing . . .	99 25	
" " freight and express . . .	62 23	
" " other departments . . .	139 05	
" " gas and electric lights, . . .	63 66	
" " typewriters . . .	370 00	
	<hr/>	\$33,505 37
Unexpended balance . . .		\$3 09

I have examined the above account of the School Department for the year 1897-8, and find the same correct.

M. E. MORRIS,

Auditor.

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

Paid Teachers,

Emory L. Mead	\$765 00
Horace W. Rice	807 50
John F. McGrath	810 00
Margaret McGill	543 74
Annie Lund	557 50
Alice Mae Reed	531 00
Helen A. Hawks	540 00
Mabel I. Dyer	465 00
Mabel E. Townsend	75 00
Nellie A. Houghton	261 25
Irma Genette Port	255 00
A. Anna Dyer	204 00
Henry E. Loring	1,073 72
Edith M. Babcock	408 00
L. Bertha Turner	377 00
Grace L. Hazen	192 00
Emma F. Chater	408 00
Mae Goodwin	408 00
Theresa L. McCarthy	384 00
Mary H. Brownrigg	384 00
Annie L. Murphy	366 40
Katharine Cunniff	384 00
Sadie E. Palmer	198 00
Annie M. McKenzie	168 00
Clara B. McCracken	384 00
Nellie C. Norris	384 00
Clifton W. M. Blanchard	284 16
Philip Emerson	636 90

Susie I. Sewall	216 00
Evangeline Grey	171 05
Helen A. Reardon	384 00
Marie E. Boland	352 00
Sarah E. Sweeney	347 05
Ella A. Bailey	352 00
Sarah A. Griffin	348 70
Julia A. Boland	352 00
Gertrude Drake	412 10
Emily L. Herndon	338 00
Georgiana Sias	198 00
Bessie H. Pike	154 00
Susan W. Corbett	198 00
Grace C. Perkins	157 20
Minnie E. Ellingwood	442 00
Rachael M. Ferguson	338 00
Margaret G. Naphen	338 00
Ellen A. Hogan	352 00
Eliza W. Hathaway	416 00
Annie M. Cupples	352 00
Neva G. Mitchell	361 00
Cecelia E. Jennings	112 87
Sarah H. Goldthwaite	401 05
L. Adelaide Farwell	377 00
Mabel A. Woodard	207 00
Mary F. Gilson	359 35
A. Effie Nicholson	242 75
Hattie B. Heath	110 00
Mary E. Mahan	322 00
Isabel R. Heinlein	320 00
Helen Stefan	27 82
Mary A. Harriman	42 00
Susie B. Gould	3 60
Ellen H. Bartlett	350 00
Mary F. Carrick	350 00
Frank E. Parlin	1,350 00

\$23,409 72

Paid Janitors.

Joseph H. B. Hall	. . . . .	\$360 00
Henry B. Hall	. . . . .	450 00
William Healy	. . . . .	292 50
Annie McManus	. . . . .	135 00
Patrick Buckley	. . . . .	135 00
Rufus B. Valentine	. . . . .	135 00
Augustus D. Gardner	. . . . .	90 00
Patrick Moran	90 00
Levi Russell	81 00
Weston Fisher	54 00
Charles A. Bride	50 00
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		\$1,872 50

Paid for Fuel.

Warren A. Bird	\$1,146 46
Union Lumber Co.	274 55
F. Diehl & Son	397 12
D. J. Ferguson	80 35
Robinson & Jones	36 87
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		\$1,935 35

Paid for Improvements and Repairs.

Fiske & Co.	\$37 13
D. J. Ferguson	198 75
D. C. Felton	. . . . .	69 09
W. D. Parlin	. . . . .	178 24
O. Woods & Co.	. . . . .	121 32
Healy & Underwood	. . . . .	21 49
A. P. Knowles	. . . . .	60 00
Henry McElwin	. . . . .	114 48
W. F. Barker	. . . . .	139 90
Union Lumber Co.	. . . . .	58 59
Williams & Brown	275 19
M. E. Hall	18 00

R. B. Ryan	\$3 62
Charles A. Jennison	4 00
William L. Doane	8 63
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	\$1,308 43

Paid for Books and Supplies.

W. B. Tyler & Co.	\$2 20
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	275 75
Edward E. Babb & Co.	300 79
Rand, McNally & Co.	38 44
J. L. Hammett Co.	246 47
D. C. Heath & Co.	73 52
Oliver Ditson Co.	32 38
Allyn & Bacon	24 93
Frost & Adams Co.	9 26
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	132 25
T. H. Castor & Co.	92
Ginn & Co.	536 77
American Book Co.	460 76
Thompson, Brown & Co.	86 10
The Macmillan Co.	87 50
Eagle Pencil Co.	123 50
University Publishing Co.	12 00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing	53 36
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	15 15
Western Publishing House	101 64
Silver, Burdett & Co.	7 88
Town of Lexington	4 80
Mary A. Chandler	60 00
George S. Perry & Co.	14 10
George F. King & Co.	43 58
William A. Davis Co.	3 75
William Ware & Co.	33 34
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	\$2,781 14

Paid for Evening School.

John F. McGrath, principal	\$100 00
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Emma F. Chater, assistant	75 00
Mae Goodwin, teacher	1 50
Joseph H. B. Hall, janitor	37 50
Books and supplies	32 20
Natick Gas Light Co.	5 60
E. Hayes & Son	2 00
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	\$253 80

Miscellaneous.

E. T. Turner	94 74
M. E. Hall	9 00
Potter, Mahard & Simmons	16 77
J. B. Leamy	10 30
O. R. Fox	48 95
W. F. Cleland	90
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	294 33
M. V. B. Bartlett	16 74
F. E. Boardman	9 00
J. H. Washburn Co.	5 75
Thorp & Martin Co.	4 00
Rand, McNally & Co.	23 50
Belknap & Co.	2 50
William Healy	5 00
C. H. Haggett	3 00
Town of Wayland	2 20
Frank E. Parlin	19 19
C. H. Batchelder & Co.	13 44
Boston Bank Note Co.	70 00
Charles A. Bride	65
William H. Claflin & Co.	2 34
American Bank Note Co.	12 00
H. W. Kibbe	31 35
A. P. Derby	2 50
Joseph H. B. Hall	1 80
Henry B. Hall	6 90
W. H. Fair	2 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	4 00

E. Whitney & Co.	\$30 00
A. K. Allstine	25 35
Frost & Adams Co.	8 29
M. L. Lynch	4 50
Smith Premier Typewriter Co.	6 75
American Book Co.	78 40
Silver, Burdett & Co.	51 50
W. G. Hallock	47 00
Montgomery & Lyford	42 00
D. J. Ferguson	15 00
C. T. Brooks	19 50
Holden Pat. Book Cover Co.	37 92
American Humane Educational Society	3 28

\$10,083 35

Insurance.

R. E. Farwell & Son	\$12 00
O. H. Burleigh	94 90
James M. Forbush & Co.	20 00
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	\$126 90

Printing

Martin Hall	\$43 50
George C. Fairbanks	55 75
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	\$99 25

Freight and Express.

Howe & Co.	\$20 00
Boston & Albany R. R.	6 60
W. S. Daniels	19 53
Adams Express	13 50
Natick Despatch	1 85
Bailey's Express	75
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	\$62 23

Gas and Electric Light.

Natick Gas & Electric Light Co.	\$63 66
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	\$63 66

Other Departments.

Natick Water Department	\$121 55	
Natick Sewer Department	17 50	
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Typewriters.

Smith Premier Typewriter Co.	\$222 00	
Wyckoff, Seamens & Benedict	148 00	
	<hr/>	\$370 00.

STATISTICS.

It must be remembered that these statistics are for eleven months, instead of a year.

The school census shows that there were 1,538 children in Natick between five and fifteen years of age, on the 1st of May, 1897—an increase of 26 over the previous year.

The total enrollment was 1,868 pupils, or 72 more than last year.

The present membership is 1,714 pupils, or 26 more than a year ago.

The average membership for the year was 1,682.02—an increase of 31.27.

The average attendance was 1,574.42—an increase of 11.02.

The per cent. of attendance was 93.60—an increase of .09 over that of last year.

The number of visitors to all the schools during the year was about 1,700.

The average cost per pupil for instruction, fuel and care, based upon the average membership, was \$17.83, and the average cost for all school expenses was \$19.97. The average cost for the State was \$25.10.

Length of the school year in High school	40 weeks.
Length of the school year in 8th and 9th grades	36 weeks.
Length of the school year in other grades	38 weeks.
Number of school buildings	12
Number of rooms occupied	46
Number of rooms unoccupied	2
Number of sittings	2,284

Number of teachers	{ Regular 47 Special 2 Substitute 1 }	50
Number of teachers who have attended Normal school		25
Number of teachers who have graduated from Normal school		15
Population of Natick, 1895		8,814
Number of persons in town May 1, 1897, between 8 and 14 years of age		932
Number of pupils under 5 years of age		0
Number of pupils between 8 and 14 years of age		964
Number of pupils between 5 and 15 years of age		1,455
Number of pupils over 15 years of age		338

	Enrollment			Present Membership			Average Age
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	
1st grade	129	114	243	110	97	207	6-4
2d grade	94	114	208	84	106	190	7-9
3d grade	84	93	177	73	88	161	8-9
4th grade	83	103	186	93	105	198	9-8
5th grade	79	76	155	74	65	139	10-10
6th grade	69	84	153	74	84	158	12-0
7th grade	80	76	156	71	71	142	13-1
8th grade	83	63	146	79	63	142	13-11
9th grade	51	85	136	54	73	127	14-4
High							
1st year	43	55	98	41	51	92	15-2
2d year	39	37	76	38	32	70	16-4
3d year	29	36	65	22	37	59	17-3
4th year	12	31	43	5	15	20	17-7
Graduates '97	12	14	26				
Specials				6	3	9	
Totals	887	981	1,868	824	890	1,714	

Attendance.

	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance
High School	239.99	226.70	94.46
Wilson	550.10	503.05	93.00
Eliot	230.95	217.78	94.29
Pond Street	177.40	168.82	93.00
Oak Grove	139.23	133.55	95.90
Felchville	102.41	97.73	95.06
Bacon	90.17	81.86	90.00
Harvard Street	74.02	72.56	97.50
North	33.09	31.49	95.00
West	26.84	24.08	89.00
Southville	17.80	16.80	94.32
Totals	1,682.02	1,574.42	93.60

Evening School.

Number of teachers	.	.	.	.	.	2
Number of sessions, evenings	.	.	.	.	.	50
Number of pupils registered	.	.	.	.	.	29
Average membership	.	.	.	.	.	20.1
Average attendance	.	.	.	.	.	17.2
Per cent of attendance	.	.	.	.	.	85.5

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.

Teacher.	Elected.	School.	Grade.
Horace W. Rice .	June, 1897	High	Master
John F. McGrath	Sept., 1892	High	Sub-Master
Margaret McGill	Sept., 1894	High	
Annie Lund	Oct., 1896	High	
Alice Mae Reed .	March, 1895	High	
Helen A. Hawks .	Dec., 1895	High	
Mabel I. Dyer .	April, 1897	High	
Nellie A. Houghton	Sept., 1897	High	
A. Anna Dyer, .	Sept., 1897	High	
Henry E. Loring,	Sept., 1892	Wilson	Principal
Edith M. Babcock,	Sept., 1890	Wilson	IX
L. Bertha Turner	Sept., 1896	Wilson	IX
Emma F. Chater,	Dec., 1872	Wilson	VIII
Mae Goodwin . .	Sept., 1895	Wilson	VIII
Theresa F. McCarthy	March, 1895	Wilson	VII
Mary H. Brownrigg	Sept., 1895	Wilson	VI
Annie L. Murphy	April, 1892	Wilson	V
Katherine Cunniff	Sept., 1890	Wilson	IV
Sadie E. Palmer	Sept., 1897	Wilson	III
Clara B. McCracken	Sept., 1890	Wilson	II

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS—Continued.

Teacher.	Elected.	School.	Grade.
Nellie C. Norris .	Sept., 1887	Wilson	I
Clifton W. M. Blanchard .	Nov. 1897	Eliot	Principal, IX.
Susie Isabel Sewall .	Sept., 1897	Eliot	VIII
Helen A. Reardon .	Sept., 1873	Eliot	VI, VII
Marie E. Boland .	April, 1888	Eliot	V, VI
Sarah E. Sweeney .	April, 1892	Eliot	IV
Ella A. Bailey .	March, 1876	Eliot	III
Sarah A. Griffin .	Sept., 1880	Eliot	II
Julia A. Boland .	Oct., 1890	Eliot	I
Gertrude E. Drake .	Sept., 1890	Pond Street	Principal, VI, VII
Mary L. Herndon .	Oct., 1896	Pond Street	IV, V
Georgiana Sias .	Sept., 1897	Pond Street	II, III
Susan W. Corbett .	—, 1897	Pond Street	I
Minnie E. Ellingwood .	Jan., 1895	Oak Grove	Principal, VII., VIII.
Rachel M. Ferguson .	Sept., 1896	Oak Grove	V., VI.
Margaret A. Naphen .	Jan., 1895	Oak Grove	III., IV.,
Ellen A. Hogan .	Sept., 1892	Oak Grove	I., II.
Eliza W. Hathaway .	April, 1868	Felchville	Principal, VI., VII.
Annie M. Cupples .	Sept., 1889	Felchville	IV., V.
Neva A. Mitchell .	Sept., 1888	Felchville	II, III

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS—Continued.

Teacher.	Elected.	School.	Grade.
Cecelia E. Jennings, substitute		Felchville	I
Sarah H. Goldthwaite . . .	Jan., 1874	Bacon	Principal, IV, V, VI
L. Adelaide Farwell . . .	Sept., 1895	Bacon	I, II, III
Mabel A. Woodward . . .	Sept., 1897	Harvard St.	Principal, IV, V, VI
Mary F. Gilson . . .	Sept., 1884	Harvard St.	I, II, III
A. Effie Nicholson . . .	Sept., 1893	North	I, II, III, IV, V, VI
Mary F. Mahan . . .	Sept., 1895	West	I, II, III, IV, V, VI
Isabelle R. Heinlein . . .	May, 1891	Southville	I, II, III, IV, V, VI
Ellen H. Bartlett . . .	Sept., 1890		Supervisor of music
Mary F. Carrick . . .	Jan., 1896		Supervisor of drawing
Frank E. Parlin . . .	Sept., 1893		Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEONARD MORSE HOSPITAL.

The Trustees of the Leonard Morse Hospital have the honor to submit their fifth annual report.

They have the pleasure to announce that the hospital building itself is substantially completed, and that in the early spring the sewer connection will be made, and the road leading to the hospital, now nearly done, finished.

The sewer problem has been a difficult one to solve, but the Trustees have finally come to the conclusion, after much deliberation, that it would be inexpedient to adopt any temporary, doubtful or experimental system in connection with a public institution of this kind, and that it is best once for all to connect with the regular sewerage system of the town, even though the cost of doing it may amount to a considerable sum. There will then remain to be done the furnishing of the hospital, before it is ready to open, and this brings us to a subject on which the Trustees hope for the support and assistance of all who may feel disposed to avail themselves of the opportunity to connect their names, or the names of their family with the establishment of this generous charity. A considerable sum has already been received for this purpose from the entertainments given in Concert hall last spring. Several gentlemen have signified their desire to furnish a room, either on their own account or in the memory of some member of the family who has died, and one wealthy gentleman, Mr. Charles H. Robinson, who is not a resident of this town, but who was a former associate in business with Mr. Morse, in whose memory the hospital was established, has generously tendered and is ready to pay over to the Trustees twenty-five hundred dollars, the income from which to be used towards maintaining a free bed.

The Trustees desire to say, simply, that they will be very glad to afford an opportunity and to co-operate with any person or society wishing to bestow in any form, aid and assistance in the way of furnishing any part of the hospital. The expense of furnishing a single room will not be great and the memory of those by whom or for whom it is done may thus be perpetuated and left to be held in grateful remembrance by those who come after them as long as the hospital shall stand.

While the Trustees are unable to give with entire accuracy the cost of the hospital, it is about :

(1) Land, 27 acres	\$2,840
(2) Cellar, foundation, building, including gas piping, heating, plumbing, electric wiring, elevator, mantels, architect's commissions, etc.	33,000
(3) Building roads, labor on land, etc	2,500
(4) Water service, hydrants, cellar drain, etc.	900

Making in all \$39,240

to which must be added the cost of connecting with the sewer, the contract for which has not been let out ; and such sum as shall be required to finish the hospital.

The property now held by the Trustees consists of :

(1) Town Notes, Sewer Loan	\$67,500
(2) Sewer Bonds	15,000
(3) Real Estate Mortgages	12,700
(4) Masonic Block	35,000
(5) Land, Worcester street ; house lot, Sawin street ; land on Plains and Cedar Swamp	800

\$131,000

The income of so much as shall remain after the expense of the sewer connection and the furnishing of the hospital shall have been paid, is to be applied to its maintenance and support.

As some criticism has been indulged in and some impatience manifested with respect to the delay in building and starting the hospital, the Trustees deem it but just to say that from the very beginning they have bestowed upon each detail of the work

an amount of time and a degree of attention commensurate with its relative importance in accomplishing the main purpose of the town's benefactress—to build and establish a good and substantial hospital, having due regard to the amount received under the legacy and that their only apology for what they have thus far done or omitted to do must be found by an inspection of the result produced.

In the selection of a site, in the employment of the architects, in the adoption of plans, and in all the contracts made in the construction of the building, the Trustees feel that they have been singularly fortunate; and that, while a suitable memorial has been built to perpetuate the memory of the man whose large estate was left by his faithful wife for the purpose, there has been established an institution which will prove a blessing—a House of Mercy for the sick—a place to which we shall always look with emotion, and one that adds also very greatly to the dignity, character, and attractiveness of the town in which Mrs. Morse and her husband lived so many years, and for which they both “cherished the greatest good-will and affection.”

PATRICK H. COONEY,	CHARLES H. COOK,
EDWARD CLARK,	EDGAR S. DODGE,
NATHAN B. GOODNOW,	WILLIAM H. SYLVESTER,
BERNARD F. MORAN,	

Trustees of Leonard Morse Hospital.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Sewer Commissioners
AND
Superintendent of Sewer Works

OF THE



TOWN OF NATICK

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

NATICK, MASS.,
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COMMISSIONERS.

DANIEL J. MURPHY, Chairman.

JAS. DOWNS, CRANSTON HOWE.

SUPERINTENDENT.

ALEX. A. KANE.

REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS.

To the Citizens of Natick :

Your commissioners herewith submit their first annual report for year ending Jan. 31, 1898, the details of which will be found in the report of the superintendent appended.

The commissioners organized March 19, 1897, and have held weekly meetings on Friday evenings at eight o'clock. On entering into office we found the books, papers, plans and all matters connected with the department turned over by the committee on construction to be in first-class condition. The system of sewerage just completed was in good running order, and only those details which come in the operation of the plant were left for us to carry out. These have been attended to as far as possible. One matter in particular which is pending at the present time and which is of vital importance is the water supply for the station.

Rentals.

At the present rate of rentals adopted by the town we think the system will be self-sustaining in another year, and in two or three years there should be quite an amount to pay towards a sinking fund. This cannot be accomplished, however, unless by the using of the sewer by abutters. This should be made general as much as possible. Our calculations are based on amount of rentals received from connections made with the sewer at the present time.

Wells Claims.

Claims for damages on account of sewer construction are settled, nine in number, at a cost ranging from \$15.15 to \$50.00, making a total cost of \$350.15.

There are some outstanding claims, that of the water department bills 1895, 1896, to March, 1897, also claims of John Walker, rent of land near pumping station, claim of Edward McManus, rent of land on Washington avenue and damage to same, and a bill, balance due on pipe from 1895 to Mr. Goodrich of Boston. This covers as far as we know all claims against the department. The claim of Mr. Walker is of small amount according to statement of committee on construction. Mr. McManus, as near as we can find, has no claim against the department—that is, no legal claim. The bill of Mr. Goodrich, which is less than \$100.00, will, we think, have to be paid.

Extension.

On extension of the system, the trustees of the Morse Hospital ask for the extension of the sewer on Sherman street to the junction of Grant street, so that they may connect the Morse Hospital sewer with the town sewer at that point. This we recommend doing.

Filter Beds.

Owing to the amount of pumping, it is imperative that more beds be constructed this year, and we would recommend that at least two or possibly three be constructed.

Engineering.

This was done by W. W. Wight, of Natick, Mass., this last year, at a cost to the department of about 50 per cent. on the amount of money expended on construction. He furnished plans for the streets not included in the original survey and built this last year. He has also furnished this department with colored plans of all work done.

In closing, we wish to acknowledge the kindness of the water department, through its superintendent, J. W. Morse,

in giving us meter readings of places connected with the sewer.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL J. MURPHY, Chairman.
JAMES DOWNS.
CRANSTON HOWE.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWERS.

TO THE SEWER COMMISSIONERS :

Gentlemen :—

I herewith respectfully submit the second annual report of the Sewer Department for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1898.

Upon assuming the position April 8, '97, I found the office in charge of Mr. Geo. L. Bartlett, who was retained until the discontinuance of the office of clerk, April 17. He rendered me valuable assistance in acquiring a knowledge of the office and system as then in operation.

Appropriations.

At the March meeting the town appropriated \$15,000 for sewer extension and filter beds, and \$2,000 for maintenance of system.

Streets.

The streets designated were Grove, Maple, Floral, Plain, Pearl.

Mr. W. W. Wight, C. E., was engaged for the engineer work and performed it personally until the completion of all work.

The first street to be opened was Grove street, work beginning Monday, April 26, with forty men. Two manholes were built, 325 feet of 8 inch pipe and seven house connection "Ys" were laid to the junction of Charles street. Considerable water was encountered on this street. About three days was occupied in its completion.

Maple street was begun immediately. One manhole and 421 feet of 8 inch pipe and 15 "Ys" were laid to a point opposite

vacant lot of I. N. Hill, with the flow to Pond street. No water was met in this cut.

Plain and Floral streets were opened simultaneously, May 4. One manhole, 189 feet of 8 inch pipe and six "Ys" were placed in Floral street to junction of Pearl. Floral street was one continuous cut through fine sand and water. Bracing was required its entire length and the pumps were kept going continuously for several days and nights. The worst point was at the junction of Pearl, where much difficulty was experienced in setting manhole.

Plain street required six manholes. It also has 1,100 feet of 8 inch pipe and 40 "Ys." A great deal of water was met at the southerly end and bracing was required for about 500 feet, or until the work was well advanced north of brook.

Pearl street differs but slightly from Plain as to soil and water, requiring a little less bracing and care. Four manholes, 955 feet 8-inch pipe, and 38 Ys were placed in Pearl street.

Work on the streets closed June 10, and our attention was directed to the beds. The first detachment of twenty men began June 15 to strip the brush and loose wood and burn over the area. The following week about 70 men and 15 teams were added. The work of clearing the stumps by the dynamite process was begun, and in a very short time an area of four acres was cleared down to sand. An obstacle in the form of a rolling ledge was encountered, running east and west through two beds, and about one-half way across one. It was necessary to blast this in order to lay the main underdrain. The use of the small pipe was an impossibility.

The ledge was blasted and broken in several places, and about 100 tons of rock taken out. The corner of one bed, which extended to the bog-hole, was thoroughly dug out and filled with sand.

Five manholes and three beds were constructed and a new line of underdrain 2,200 feet long was laid to connect with original outlet to brook.

On account of the ledge which shows itself over a large area, I deem it inexpedient to form new beds on the south side of those already constructed. The most favorable ground is

west of the present beds just after passing the small swamp hole. A drop manhole was built at end of underdrain and the wear on structure is minimized.

The pipe used in construction was as follows: 220 feet, 15 inch supply, 660 feet 10 inch supply, and 220 feet 12 inch, 1,320 feet 10 inch, 880 feet 8 inch drain. Total pipe 3,390 feet.

During the construction of these new beds I had also a number of men on the old ones. They were weeded, ploughed and harrowed three times and a coating of clear sand spread over them. The banks were re-seeded and strengthened in several places.

The work on the beds ceased with the seeding of the banks, August 28, and they were immediately put into commission though not permitted to take a full days pumping at once. Considering the rocky nature of a large part of their area they have performed very well without the tile underdrains. I would however recommend the introduction of the tile in available places another season.

The cost of the entire work on the filter beds the past season was \$7,600.50, deducting \$350 for labor on old beds, gives cost of new beds \$7,250.50. Had it not been for the ledge, I believe our estimate of \$6,000 for the new beds would not have been exceeded.

The severe rains of last fall washed out a portion of the outlet drain just at brook. This was repiped and rebanked. I do not consider the first receiving manhole as of sufficient capacity and strength to always withstand the flow from force main.

It is leaky now and when No. 1 bed is in use liable to overflow unless watched. I recommend its overhauling and enlargement this summer. I have made one trip to beds every day since the completion of the work, and personally attended to taking of samples and changing of gates.

Twice during the past season the locks have been broken and the gates closed, but as it occurred late in day no great damage was done. The shed was broken into once and three keys from bunch taken. New locks and keys were immediately

procured. Your attention was called to it at the time of occurrence.

I am indebted to the late superintendent of the Framingham system, Mr. Joseph Deignan, for courtesies and assistance rendered me and my men during the progress of the work at the beds.

Additional Streets.

With your approval Bigelow street or Florence court (so-called), was opened Sept. 16. One manhole was built, and 250 feet of 8 inch pipe with seven Y's were laid here in two and a half days.

Vale street follows Oct. 4, and was finished in three days. One vent pipe and 294 feet 8 inch pipe with twelve Y's completed Vale.

Park street was the last new street to be opened. Work begun Oct. 28, and with exception of the manhole was completed in two days, with 225 feet 8 inch pipe and six Y's.

This gives a total of eight streets, or 3,800 feet, with sixteen manholes. This is two manholes and 800 feet more than originally planned for.

Yards.

During the summer it was found obligatory to condense our two yards into one, and that much smaller than either. Accordingly men were set to sorting into sizes and piling all pipe in South avenue yard into the west end. This reduces the annual rental one-half, or \$25.

The entire stock of tools and material were carted from the Summer street yard to South avenue, where I had built a 20x40 shed, from the lumber of the old shanty at pumping station. This was found adequate to contain all tools on hand, including the cement. The shed on Summer street was sold at auction for \$58.

A supply of tools for emergency is always kept in shed at beds; also at station.

From the balance of stock in the shanty I had constructed

a solid, substantial barn and waiting shed at the station. It is 20x38 feet, pitched roof, shingled on front and iron-roofed on rear next to railroad.

This affords ample stable room for engineer storage for tool boxes, and a double doorless waiting shed for transient teams.

The ground on west side have been ploughed, harrowed, and seeded down, all shrubbery cut away and bankings sloped. The walks and drives have been re-gravelled and graded to stone gutters.

A portion of the station conductor still needs attention, as water lodges and then drops over the boiler room door, often flooding the floor.

We have introduced a new water guage, made by Mr. J. J. VanValkenburg, which has given great satisfaction.

Some furniture for the engineer, and matting for the floor is needed at an early date.

Water Supply.

The water supply of the pumping station is of vital importance.

We have been taking water from the two 24-inch pipe wells spoken of in last report, but the great quantity of sand taken up and carried through to pumps and boilers is having a ruinous effect on the machinery. Twice during December and January I had the pipes taken up and thoroughly cleaned, the last time cutting off a piece to prevent touching sand. This had the desired effect for a time, but they soon choked up again.

We were without water nearly a day. When the capacity of the reservoir and the daily flow into the station are taken into consideration the matter of a water supply requires immediate attention. Our only recourse was to pipe overland and draw from the meadow as previously done by this department. I wrote the Metropolitan Water Commission at same time, stating our condition and action.

Learning of the success of an artesian well driven for Mr. Sprout of this town we negotiated with H. M. Tompkins and he began to sink a six inch well on south side of station. Work is

now progressing slowly at a depth of eighty feet in clay and sand.

The great pile of sand which lies east of the station on land of J. J. Walker is of no use to the department, but for filling in purposes is very desirable. Much has been given away the past year with a view of reducing the pile and saving the final cost of removal which must be done to avoid an annual rental.

Flushing.

In accordance with the vote of the town at the June meeting, satisfactory arrangements were made with the Water Department for flushing connections.

Six of the principal dead end manholes were connected with water mains by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch pipes. A valve on inside of manhole about four feet from surface is easily opened and manhole filled and flushed in less than five minutes. These six connections flush the mains on the three principal lines, viz., So. Main, Main and Summer, North Main and Washington avenue, but do not help the side streets. There remain twenty-four dead end manholes, some of which cannot be reached from water main. For these few, hose can be used, by connecting with nearest hydrant, at small expense.

December 1, we began an inspection of the manholes of the entire system. They were ventilated, cleaned and flushed, and this treatment is deemed sufficient for at least three months.

House Connections.

Work on house connections began in March and, with the exception of one done in January, concluded December 20.

I think the work on house connections should be limited to the eight months, April 1—Dec. 1. 105 connections were made giving a total of 178, of which 169 are using sewer.

There are nearly 800 buildings on line of sewer, and deducting those already entered leaves a very large per cent of available and profitable connections yet to be made.

The total expense to abutters for work was \$2,233.05, divided: Pay-roll, \$1,398.04; teaming and material, \$835.01; average cost per connection, \$21.25.

Only four cases of failure of sewer in houses have been received. Upon investigation, cloths, heavy folded newspapers, and in one instance pieces of wood were found to be the cause.

It will require an occasional thorough flushing of house pipes by users of sewer to prevent clogging and avoid the attending disagreeable results.

List of Sewer Connections Made in 1897 with Cost of Same.

Nutt & Pratt	\$12 91
N. P. Young	15 70
J. S. Bacon	14 18
O. H. Burleigh, agent	92 50
R. R. Wright	15 19
Est. B. Donnellon	16 49
M. Quirk	10 38
O. H. Burleigh, agent	16 17
O. H. Burleigh, agent	19 73
O. H. Burleigh, agent	14 14
J. H. Allen, agent	25 72
G. H. Lincoln	18 32
J. M. Fiske & Co.	10 48
Mrs. A. M. Loker	14 42
G. C. Fairbanks	13 05
W. F. Cleland	58 20
James Downs	15 13
Albee E. Loker	42 44
L. E. Gleason	42 44
Mrs. Mary Young	37 62
A. M. Gurney	14 35
James Millen	13 40
James Downs	16 81
T. M. Clancy	15 58
E. Travis	10 23
W. H. Fair	9 48

C. N. Ross	13 89
D. J. Murphy	17 30
I. N. Hill	28 99
O. H. Burleigh, agent	8 88
O. H. Burleigh, agent	8 52
T. H. Gavin	15 04
Mrs. S. G. Brooks	14 39
F. H. Brown	15 40
Mrs. Ann Fair	31 75
J. M. McCarthy	18 00
J. F. Burns	12 09
Caroline E. Bartlett	14 88
Mrs. A. J. Nutt	66 23
E. P. Brennan	19 93
H. H. Fiske	38 97
Wm. Hopff	20 51
T. H. Gavin	9 89
J. H. Donovan	13 43
M. T. Fox	34 00
W. H. Metcalf	15 99
Grace I. Washburn	21 26
W. G. Reagan	13 66
Est. E. A. Watson	14 52
Joseph A. Burke	16 83
C. J. Ellis	14 30
W. H. Williams	14 37
W. H. Dahiher	23 93
Martin Hall	19 82
F. Neuschafer	17 98
J. J. Ahearn	28 25
Savings bank building	6 46
W. W. Cobb	7 04
Mary S. Wight	29 01
J. N. Chase	13 51
Mrs. S. B. Hayes	26 66
M. J. Buckley	18 00
W. H. Tash	55 71
C. J. Foskett	18 75

Mrs. N. C. Bacon	33 67
J. E. Sweetland	14 72
Mary E. Muzzy	16 00
Thomas Hanna	13 98
H. B. Gale	66 25
C. H. Hoey	19 20
W. E. Daniels	37 78
S. K. Eaton	15 54
Mrs. H. H. Wright	16 18
G. W. Fair	13 03
M. Hanson	17 17
G. C. Fairbanks	15 04
D. B. Wingate	14 97
E. J. Kyte	13 62
Mrs. M. A. Burleigh	34 81
B. & A. R. R. Co.	20 15
W. F. Barker, agent	21 09
Mrs. G. T. Dakin	20 70
Mrs. S. H. Bent	14 93
C. W. Johnson	50 22
I. E. Bowker	18 46
E. McManus	14 83
D. J. Ferguson	14 60
R. T. Brown	13 00
Burke & Co.	22 23
F. Bigelow	21 95
H. C. Mulligan, agent	6 89
G. H. Jackson	16 32
G. H. Jackson	17 53
C. F. Day	22 45
M. Webber	16 81
Mrs. W. N. Mason	33 17
Fiske & Co.,	16 65
Natick Beef Co.	46 32
G. W. Saunders	14 56
F. C. Perry	18 08
Westboro Savings Bank	21 72
E. T. Wilson	16 83

E. Ross	14 37
R. R. Wright	17 82
E. Edwards & Son	16 23
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Total cost	\$2,233 05

Rentals.

There has been collected for use of sewer to Jan. 1, 1898, \$494.98. Balance due, \$1,009.00.

Well and Land Damages.

Thre have been investigated and settled nine cases of damages for loss of wells during construction of main sewer, at a total cost of \$350.15.

Repairs on land and fences, \$75.00.

Casualties.

But two accidents have occurred during the season's work, and these were slight and caused by no fault of the department : \$2.00 was expended for medical aid.

Labor.

During the year we have endeavored to live up strictly to the understanding that none but citizens of the town would be employed upon the work. There were three cases of non-residents called to my attention and in due time they were relieved.

One hundred and ninety-two men registered for work last summer, and while the street cuts could not accommodate 100 at the most, I regulated the men to so many weeks at a time. In general, this pian gave satisfaction, yet there were some instances of disagreement.

TABLE OF COSTS OF SEWER EXTENSION, 1897.

Street.	From	To	Material.	Length. feet	Man-holes	Max. Cut.	Min. Cut.	Labor.	Material and Eng'g.	Labor per ft.	Total Cost.	Cost per ft.	Remarks.
Grove	No. Main	Charles	8 in. pipe	325	2	12.	6.5	\$198.94	\$152.45	.61	\$351.39	\$1.08	Clay, gravel, wet.
Maple	Pond	W. Centr'l	"	422	1	9.0	6.9	359.01	137.58	.85	496.59	1.17	Loose, dry sand.
Floral	Plain	Pond	"	189	1	9.8	7.7	325.00	93.75	1.72	418.75	2.21	Quick sand, very wet.
Plain	No. Avenue	Pond	"	1,132	6	10.2	7.1	1,332.00	458.50	1.17	1,790.50	1.58	Sand, gravel, water in part.
Pearl	Floral	Pond	"	955	4	7.8	6.5	1,014.16	407.81	1.06	1,421.97	1.56	Sand, gravel, water in part.
Bigelow	Florence	Northerly	"	252	1	7.8	6.8	136.75	94.45	.54	231.20	.92	Clay, gravel, dry.
Vale	So. Main	Northerly	"	295	0	7.1	6.5	194.18	67.50	.66	261.68	.89	Coarse gravel.
Park	Common	E. Central	"	225	1	7.1	6.0	144.14	91.75	.64	235.89	1.04	Gravel, dry.
Total				3,795	16			\$3,704.18	\$1,503.79		\$5,207.97		

RECORD OF SEWER PUMPING STATION FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

MONTH.	Hours Run.		Wood Lbs.	COAL USED.		No. of Strokes of Engine.	No. of Gallons Pumped.	Gallons to lb. of Coal..	Ashes and Clinkers....	Lbs of Wast	Gallons of Oil...	Pump Run.....	Duty Total Coal.....
	H.	M.		Banking and starting ..	Run-ning.								
January.....	149	50	100	6,750	14,800	381,551	9,920,326	680	1,896	3	1½		24,600 512
February.....	154	45		6,000	15,950	435,643	10,506,193	660	2,000	3	2		25,410 768
March.....	227	00	150	6,400	23,250	653,550	15,731,753	655	3,000	2	3		24,354 290
April.....	189	15		6,410	21,800	603,901	14,753,525	661	3,500	3	3		26,853 440
May.....	162	20	150	7,100	18,860	470,963	12,245,038	648	1,700	2	3		24,408 380
June.....	136	20		6,100	16,150	432,215	11,232,390	630	1,620	3	2½		24,000 080
July.....	144	15		6,280	14,950	412,678	10,992,648	612	1,980	3	2½		27,703 760
August.....	129	15		5,750	14,250	498,035	10,712,370	620	1,630	3	3		26,624 832
September.....	103	30	100	4,500	13,150	280,881	7,562,906	595	1,300	3	2½		25,207 424
October.....	113	00		5,000	17,170	288,167	7,011,264	608	1,60	3	3		21,900 116
November.....	161	30		6,000	16,040	496,811	8,815,577	580	1,880	3	3		23,491 840
December.....	214	00		7,750	23,150	650,531	14,397,860	586	2,990	3	4		25,600 140
Total and Averages.....	1,895	80	500	74,030	209,480	5,607,126	134,082,300	av 624	24,956	34	30½		825,303 019

*Average.

Pumped with large engine, 118,945,784 gallons.

Pumped with small engine, 15,136,606 gallons.

Daily average, 361,872 gallons.

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN IN SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Construction Account.

Order No.

1.	Robinson & Jones	.	.	.	.	.	\$2 25
2.	Salmone & Russo	.	.	.	.	.	40 84
3.	F. McMahan	.	.	.	.	.	3 65
4.	W. D. Parlin	.	.	.	.	.	1 85
5.	Pay Roll No. 1	.	.	.	.	.	2 89
6.	C. A. Davis	.	.	.	.	.	3 32
7.	Pay roll No. 2	.	.	.	.	.	5 55
8.	Pay roll No. 3	.	.	.	.	.	27 77
9.	Standard Oil Co.	.	.	.	.	.	3 85
10.	B. & A., freight	.	.	.	.	.	61 62
11.	M. Morris	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
12.	Estate N. B. Tash	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
13.	W. G. Reagan	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
14.	Waldo Bros.	.	.	.	.	.	200 00
15.	Manchester & Hudson	.	.	.	.	.	103 02
16.	Pay roll No. 4	.	.	.	.	.	471 95
17.	T. Remick	.	.	.	.	.	10 87
18.	Fiske & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	5 90
19.	Ryan & Lackey	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
20.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	62 50
21.	Pay roll No. 5	.	.	.	.	.	786 15
22.	Transferred	.	.	.	.	.
23.	Mrs. S. Hayes	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
24.	R. Turner	.	.	.	.	.	17 80
25.	F. McMahan	.	.	.	.	.	16 90
26.	Pay roll No. 6	.	.	.	.	.	619 58
27.	G. D. Goodrich	.	.	.	.	.	143 84
28.	Pay roll No. 7	.	.	.	.	.	652 89
29.	Pay roll No. 8	.	.	.	.	.	627 39
30.	B. & A., freight	.	.	.	.	.	22 08
31.	L. Lenihan	.	.	.	.	.	22 67
32.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	83 33

Order No.

70.	Fiske & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$70 68
71.	W. D. Parlin	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 01
72.	Union Lumber Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11 11
73.	Transferred.							
74.	J. J. Martin	.	.	.	.	.	.	125 62
75.	Pay roll, No. 15	.	.	.	.	.	.	828 28
76.	Pay roll, No. 16	.	.	.	.	.	.	606 91
77.	Transferred.							
78.	M. Orman	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 00
79.	M. A. Hanson	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
80.	Pay roll, No. 17	.	.	.	.	.	.	583 18
81.	Pay roll, No. 18	.	.	.	.	.	.	203 94
82.	Transferred.							
83.	W. W. Wight	.	.	.	.	.	.	105 00
84.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	.	83 33
85.	Pay roll, No. 19	.	.	.	.	.	.	228 03
86.	Pay roll, No. 20	.	.	.	.	.	.	311 25
87.	Fuller Iron Works	.	.	.	.	.	.	27 51
88.	Allen & Butler	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 87
89.	F. McMahan	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
90.	Carey & Burke	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 63
91.	W. J. Cochran	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
92.	W. S. Daniels	.	.	.	.	.	.	34 50
93.	Fiske & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14 14
94.	W. D. Parlin	.	.	.	.	.	.	11 85
95.	Pay roll, No. 21	.	.	.	.	.	.	88 26
96.	Pay roll, No. 22	.	.	.	.	.	.	68 20
97.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	.	83 33
98.	P. Daley	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
99.	Pay roll, No. 23	.	.	.	.	.	.	46 00
100.	W. D. Parlin	.	.	.	.	.	.	93 46
101.	Pay roll, No. 24	.	.	.	.	.	.	136 75
102.	Mrs. M. Sanborn	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
103.	Pay roll, No. 25	.	.	.	.	.	.	34 91
104.	L. Lennihan	.	.	.	.	.	.	150 46
105.	F. Lagross	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 70
106.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	.	83 33

Order No.

107.	O. Woods & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	\$55 00
108.	Transferred.						
109.	R. T. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	\$29 33
110.	Pay roll, No. 26	.	.	.	.	.	27 27
111.	W. D. Parlin	.	.	.	.	.	15 26
112.	Union Lumber Co.	.	.	.	.	.	12 33
113.	Fiske & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	9 16
114.	F. McMahan	.	.	.	.	.	13 65
115.	W. S. Daniels	.	.	.	.	.	5 71
116.	Cleland, Healy & Underwood	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
117.	Pay roll, No. 27	.	.	.	.	.	194 18
118.	Pay roll, No. 28	.	.	.	.	.	4 85
119.	Pay roll, No. 29	.	.	.	.	.	125 12
120.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	83 33
121.	J. H. Powers	.	.	.	.	.	5 65
122.	Pay roll, 30	.	.	.	.	.	19 02
123.	Estate E. Whitney	.	.	.	.	.	4 75
124.	Pay roll, 31	.	.	.	.	.	11 38
125.	J. J. VanValkenburg	.	.	.	.	.	58 87
126.	J. W. Morse, Supt.	.	.	.	.	.	91 34
127.	Pay roll, 31	.	.	.	.	.	8 60
128.	Springfield Foundry Co.	.	.	.	.	.	6 25
129.	J. J. Martin	.	.	.	.	.	74 20
130.	E. Hayes	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
131.	F. E. Hooker	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
132.	R. T. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	10 70
133.	W. T. Howard	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
134.	Ryan & Lackey	.	.	.	.	.	23 00
135.	F. McMahan	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
136.	Doon & Bowers	.	.	.	.	.	2 05
137.	W. S. Daniels	.	.	.	.	.	8 05
138.	J. W. Morse, Supt.	.	.	.	.	.	28 20
139.	E. S. Dodge	.	.	.	.	.	11 00
140.	Martin Hall	.	.	.	.	.	3 50
141.	Potter, Mahard & Simmons	.	.	.	.	.	3 55
142.	D. J. Ferguson	.	.	.	.	.	86 79

Order No.

143. W. W. Wight	\$82 00
Total	\$14,143 51
Amount of orders drawn by committee in March, 1897	1,491 00
Total expenditure for construction	\$15,634 51

Maintenance,

Orders No.

1. Pay roll, No. 1	\$ 14 65
2. N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	2 18
3. G. L. Bartlett	72 00
4. C. N. Taylor	110 00
5. J. I. Barnard	70 83
6. W. A. Bird	128 11
7. N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	2 08
8. J. I. Barnard	70 83
9. G. L. Bartlett	45 00
10. W. A. Bird	121 42
11. Natick Gas Light Co.	2 22
12. J. I. Barnard	70 86
13. Knowlton Packing Co.	5 68
14. H. R. Worthington	9 50
15. N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	2 03
16. Howe & Co.	70
17. J. I. Barnard	70 83
18. Platt & Washburn Co.	15 75
19. J. I. Barnard	70 83
20. N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	6 34
21. G. L. Bartlett	1 64
22. W. A. Bird	209 72
23. J. I. Barnard	70 83
24. J. I. Barnard	70 83
25. N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	4 16

Order No.

26.	Fiske & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$18 74
27.	Pay roll, 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	21 64
28.	J. I. Barnard	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 83
29.	Pay roll, 3	,	.	.	.	.	.	11 00
30.	Pay roll, 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 53
31.	J. I. Barnard	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 83
32.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	.	83 33
33.	W. A. Bird	.	.	.	.	.	.	153 24
34.	E. A. Hammond	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 50
35.	W. D. Parlin	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 52
36.	Robinson & Jones	.	.	.	.	.	.	105 70
37.	N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 65
38.	Fiske & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 53
39.	Pay roll, 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
40.	Pay roll, 6	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 25
41.	Pay roll, 7	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 26
42.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	.	83 33
43.	Pay roll, 8	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 50
44.	J. I. Barnard	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 83
45.	W. D. Parlin	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
46.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 44
47.	J. L. Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.	22 50
48.	Fiske & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
49.	Natick Gas Light Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 80
50.	Pay roll, 9	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
51.	N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 25
52.	W. D. Parlin	.	.	.	.	.	.	13 48
53.	A. A. Kane	.	.	.	.	.	.	83 33
54.	J. I. Barnard	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 83
55.	M. W. Hayward	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
56.	Pay roll, 10	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 11

Total expenditure for maintenance . . . \$2,148 89

House Connection.

Orders No.

1.	Pay roll, 1	\$19 98
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Order No.

2.	Pay roll	2	\$64 72
3.	"	3	52 09
4.	"	4	158 14
5.	"	5	49 74
6.	"	6	9 98
7.	"	7	38 51
8.	"	8	56 96
9.	"	9	79 27
10.	"	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 99
11.	"	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	17 76
12.	"	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	17 54
13.	"	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 73
14.	"	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 20
15.	"	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 88
16.	"	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
17.	"	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	27 41
18.	"	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	42 31
19.	"	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
20.	G. D. Goodrich		.	.	.	.	.	.	92 01
21.	Pay roll, 20		.	.	.	.	.	.	32 97
22.	"	21	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 41
23.	Not drawn.								
24.	Pay roll, 22		.	.	.	.	.	.	28 21
25.	"	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	41 76
26.	"	24	.	.	.	.	.	.	49 96
27.	B. & A. freight		.	.	.	.	.	.	55 50
28.	G. D. Goodrich		.	.	.	.	.	.	61 25
29.	W. H. Gallison Co.		.	.	.	.	.	.	152 50
30.	Waldo Bros.		.	.	.	.	.	.	48 00
31.	P. H. Buckley, 2d		.	.	.	.	.	.	6 63
32.	Pay roll, 25		.	.	.	.	.	.	96 40
33.	F. McMahan		.	.	.	.	.	.	5 55
34.	W. S. Daniels		.	.	.	.	.	.	4 35
35.	Pay roll, 26		.	.	.	.	.	.	91 52
36.	S. Ward & Co.		.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
37.	B. & A. freight		.	.	.	.	.	.	53 24
38.	Pay roll, 27		.	.	.	.	.	.	14 99
39.	" " 28		.	.	.	.	.	.	7 75

III

Order No.

40.	Transfer to construction account	.	.							\$183 88
41.	Pay roll, 29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14 91
42.	" " 30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14 62
43.	W. T. Howard	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
44.	Pay roll, 31	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47 12
45.	" " 32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 15
46.	" " 33	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 58
47.	Gray & Young	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	68 00
48.	J. H. Powers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 20
49.	F. McMahan	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 60
50.	W. S. Daniels	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 20
51.	Pay roll, 34	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62 83
52.	Martin Hall	5 75
53.	W. S. Daniels	50
54.	F. McMahan	2 15
55.	Pay roll, 35	11 65
56.	G. C. Fairbanks	5 75
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Total expenditure House Connection										\$2,101 83

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES, JANUARY 31, 1898.

Construction Account.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$15,000 00	
Transfer	183 88	
Material sold	502 13	
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						\$15,686 01

EXPENDITURES.

By former sewer committee, orders	
747 to 755 inclusive	\$1,491 00
By sewer commissioners, orders 1 to	

to 143 inclusive	\$14,143 51	
	<hr/>	15,634 51
Balance in town treasury		\$51 50

Maintenance Account.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Received from rentals	494 98	
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EXPENDITURES.

By sewer commissioners, orders 1 to 56 inclusive	2,148 89	
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Balance in town treasury		\$346 09

House Connection Account.

RECEIPTS.

From 105 connections	\$2,233 05	
From material sold	60 34	
	<hr/>	\$2,293 39

EXPENDITURES.

By sewer commissioners' orders, 1 to 56 inclusive	2,101 83	
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Balance in town treasury		\$191 56

A. A. KANE,
Superintendent.

Approved.

M. E. MORRIS, Auditor.

STOCK REPORT.

On Hand January 31, 1898.

10,450 feet 3-inch tile	\$298 00
5,000 feet lumber	25 00
Blasting covering	3 00
1,500 brick	15 00
217 lbs. pig lead	7 60
2,000 lbs. castings	50 00
2,500 lbs. elbows and Ts	87 50
8 manhole frames	24 34
600 feet 6-inch iron pipe	138 00
6 feet 12-inch iron pipe	2 50
3 feet 12-inch iron Ts	1 50
2 feet 12-inch caps	3 00
325 feet 4-inch iron pipe	97 50
195 feet 1½-inch iron pipe	12 52
18 feet 2-inch iron pipe	72
1 foot 4-inch iron elbow	45
1,488 lbs. 6 and 10-inch gates	52 08
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	\$818 71

No. 1 Sewer Pipe.

108 feet 6-inch sewer pipe	\$ 9 72
24 one foot lengths	2 95
131 6-inch bends	58 95
28 6x6 Ys	19 60
6 6x6x6 Ys	5 10
12 6-inch slants	2 21
1 10-inch bend	60
90 6-inch stoppers	2 70
35 8x6 Ys.	29 05
4 8x6x6 Ys	3 20
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	\$134 08

No. 2 Sewer Pipe.

1,135 feet 8-inch sewer pipe	\$110 00
1,350 feet 10-inch sewer pipe	202 50
90 feet 12-inch sewer pipe	18 00
18 feet 10x4x4 Ts	27 00
50 feet 8x4x4 Ts	52 14
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	\$409 64

No. 3 Damaged Pipe.

200 feet 24-inch sewer pipe	\$132 00
20 feet 18-inch sewer pipe	7 00
30 feet 15-inch sewer pipe	7 50
165 feet 8-inch sewer pipe	14 85
26 feet 18x6 Ys	13 00
5 feet 15x6 Ys	5 00
12 feet 24x6 Ys	12 00
1 foot 10x6 Y	50
72 feet 12x6 Ys	36 00
194 feet 8x6 Ys	97 00
1 24x6 Ts	1 00
2 18x6 Ts	2 00
1 15x6 T	1 00
6 8x6 Ts	3 00
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	\$333 85

Total value of material	\$1,696 28
Total of material	\$1,696 28
Tools	728 80
Three buildings	400 00
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Total inventory	\$2,825 08

Tools, Etc.

50 drum braces	\$100. 00
140 picks	70 00
50 shovels (fair)	12 50

90 shovels (old)	\$9 00
13 tampers	6 50
9 driving caps	9 00
20 maddocks	8 00
13 crowbars	6 50
5 one man crosscut saws	5 00
5 axes	15 00
9 eight pound hammers	27 00
3 bracing hammers	3 00
4 caulking hammers	2 00
8 mauls	4 00
12 sand pans	12 00
70 manhole steps	10 50
2 plank pullers	10 00
1 24-inch pipe jointer	10 00
6 forks	3 00
2 wheel derricks	40 00
1 wooden rake	25
2 iron rakes	1 00
6 hoes	1 50
1 scythe and snath	1 00
1 sickle	25
3 strainers	3 00
80 pickhandles	8 00
4 12-ft. lengths hose	7 20
5 wheelbarrows	2 25
3 wood saws	1 50
1 branding iron	1 00
2 trowels	1 00
2 claw-hammers	50
4 chisels	1 00
1 jackscrew	1 50
100 lbs. chain	5 00
300 feet steam pipe	9 00
1 3-inch steam pump	50 00
1 6-inch foot valve	1 00
27 hammer handles	2 70
30 lanterns and globes	6 00

3 grade poles	\$ 75
1 brace measure	75
1 pipe cutter	1 00
3 boxes pipe fittings	5 00
30 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipe	90
1 fifty gallon oil tank	5 00
3 oil cans	1 00
3 hand levels	1 50
1 spade	1 00
5 16-pound hammers	7 50
2 pairs rubber mitts	2 00
2 hand pumps	20 00
1 sand screen	2 00
1 two inch foot valve	1 00
1 grindstone	4 00
3 steel wedges	1 50
1 package disinfectant	10
2 three inch brass couplings	6 00
1 lead ladle	1 00
100 feet 1-inch hose	3 00
400 pounds rope	16 00
1 coal shovel	50
1 set blocks	4 00
4 pipe followers	4 00
2 hook ropes	1 00
1 chain wrench	2 00
6 spanners	3 00
1 battery and wires	10 00
3 bracing dogs	75
2 hammers	60
6 tool boxes	6 00
1 stump puller	25 00
1 bush scythe	1 50
500 lbs. drill steel	60 00
4 wrenches	2 00
2 bit braces	1 00
1 square	1 00
1 screw driver	25

1 putty knife	\$ 10
12 files	1 00
3 brushes	50
12 gals. cylinder oil	6 00
12 lbs. waste	60
packing	20 00
pipe and fittings	5 00
3 slates	25
1 dust dan	10
1 iron wheelbarrow	3 00
2 boiler shovels	1 00
3 brooms	25
2 tube cleaners	2 00
4 pails	1 00
3 wrenches	1 50
5 lamps	1 25
vice and stock fittings	10 00
ladder and 100 feet hose	5 00
Total value of tools	<hr/> \$728 80

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